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Attorney General Brown Joins Coalition Opposing Federal Shutdown of Job Corps Program That Serves Thousands of At-Risk Youth

States Argue Trump Administration's Termination of Congressionally Mandated Program Would Violate Federal Law and Leave Vulnerable Young People Homeless

BALTIMORE, MD (June 13, 2025) – Attorney General Anthony G. Brown today filed an [amicus brief](#) with 19 other attorneys general in support of Job Corps, a national program that offers career training and housing to young Americans from low-income backgrounds. The Trump administration's illegal termination of this program will close nearly 100 Job Corps residential campuses across the country and threatens to leave thousands of vulnerable young Americans homeless.

The brief explains that “in the sixty years since Congress created Job Corps, millions of young Americans from low-income backgrounds have been served by the program's unique combination of education, training, housing, healthcare and community.” The unlawful termination will impact tens of thousands of young Americans who are currently enrolled and housed at campuses in all fifty states. Thousands of these program participants were unhoused or in foster care when they enrolled and have no alternative housing if they lose their residence through the program.

“Terminating Job Corps would be devastating for vulnerable young Marylanders, many of whom were homeless or in foster care before receiving housing, healthcare, and career training through the program,” **said Attorney General Brown.** “Without this safety net, thousands would lose their homes, medical care, and job training, further straining Maryland's social services.”

Since 2023, more than 1600 young Marylanders have enrolled in Job Corps and received vital training in such trades as construction, carpentry, culinary, arts, electrical work, and hotel services. They are served by approximately 100 employees who work at the Woodland Job Corps Center in Prince George's County. By offering support and housing to at-risk youth, Job Corps relieves strain on our state's resources and services while advancing Maryland's commitment to helping young people become independent and self-sufficient.

Today's brief, filed in *National Job Corps Association et al. v. Department of Labor et al.*, reaffirms that the injunction is necessary to protect vulnerable state residents and promote state goals in education and workforce development. It further reinforces the point that the Trump administration cannot violate federal law and the Constitution by terminating congressionally mandated programs it opposes.

In filing today's brief, Attorney General Brown joins the attorneys general of Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawai'i, Illinois, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington.

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