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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senate

Dear Senator Grassley:

This correspondence responds to your September 6, 1995, request for supplemental information on our recent report on AmeriCorps\*USA's resources and benefits.<sup>1</sup>

The specific information you requested is provided in this correspondence and the two enclosures. The information depicted is based on the status of the program at the time we conducted our original audit work and pertains to the 1994-95 program year.

In our report, we presented resources available on a per-participant, per-service-hour and per-direct-service-hour basis. As agreed with both you and Senator Mikulski, while we collected information on in-kind contributions from the private sector, we did not include these contributions in our per-participant and per-service-hour calculations. We did, however, include in-kind contributions from the private sector in our estimates of total resources available. Private in-kind resources accounted for 14 percent (about \$18 million) of all matching contributions supporting AmeriCorps\*USA programs. You asked us for a specific breakout of private in-kind resources on a per-participant, per-service-hour and per-direct-service-hour basis. These figures are \$1,417, \$0.83, and \$1.04, respectively.

Enclosure 1 presents information you requested showing the number of participants enrolled and expected to enroll before the end of the program year in AmeriCorps\*USA programs. These figures are broken down by number of full- and part-time participants. We also provide the number of participants, broken down by full- and part-time, that AmeriCorps\*USA grantees budgeted for. The figures we cite as enrolled or expected to enroll were derived from

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<sup>1</sup>National Service Programs: AmeriCorps\*USA--Early Program Resource and Benefit Information (GAO/HEHS-95-222, Aug. 29, 1995).

responses we received from a representative sample of nonfederal grantees and all federal grantees. The figures we cite as budgeted came directly from grant applications.

Enclosure 2 details the number of active full- and part-time participants you requested for the Maryland Community Assisting Police and YouthBuild Boston programs. The figures we cited in our report were as of March 1995, the time of our site visits to the programs. We obtained updated participant enrollment numbers from these programs in June 1995 after completion of the audit work.

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We hope this information provides the additional perspective you requested. Unless you publicly announce its contents earlier, we plan no further distribution of this correspondence until 7 days from its issue date. At that time, we will on request make copies of this correspondence available to other interested parties. Please call me at (202) 512-8403 or Wayne B. Upshaw, Assistant Director, at (202) 512-7006 if you or your staff have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures - 2

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN AMERICORPS\*USA PROGRAMS,  
BY FULL- AND PART-TIME STATUS

	Total enrolled at the time of GAO's work	Total expected to enroll before the end of the year	Total enrolled or expected to enroll during the 1994-95 program year	Total budgeted for in grant awards
Full-time participants	9,303	548	9,851	10,741
Part-time participants	3,944	1,393 <sup>a</sup>	5,337	5,622
Total participants	13,247	1,941	15,188	16,363

<sup>a</sup>This figure includes participants expected to enroll to work full time over the summer period but who are counted as part time.

AMERICORPS MARYLAND COMMUNITY ASSISTING POLICE  
AND YOUTHBUILD BOSTON - NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

	Total budgeted for in grant award	Total enrolled as of GAO's visit in March 1995	Total enrolled as of June 1995
<b>Maryland Community Assisting Police</b>			
Full-time participants	20	18	18
Part-time participants	10	11	13
Total number of participants	30	29	31
Total full- time equivalents	25	23.5	24.5
<b>YouthBuild Boston</b>			
Full-time participants	84	76	51
Part-time participants	10	10	10
Total number of participants	94	86	61
Total full- time equivalents	89	81	56

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