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The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Chairman  
Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, Health and Human  
Services, and Education  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Ranking Member  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
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Subcommittee  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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Subcommittee  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Blunt and Ranking Member Murray; and Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As your Committees work to conclude the fiscal year 2018 appropriations process, the below local, state and national organizations urge you to invest at least \$1.192 billion in funding for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Program (Title IV Part B of the Every Student Succeeds Act). At this funding level, which is consistent with the level set in the Senate Labor, HHS, Education spending bill, local school and community based providers of afterschool and summer learning programs will be able to sustain quality programming for more than 1.6 million children in high-need communities. Earlier this fall, the broad, bipartisan support for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC was evident in the adoption of an amendment to the Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act (H.R. 3354) that restored \$100 million in funding to the program. However, the House bill still will result in 92,000 students losing access to programs and falls short of the level proposed in the Senate's bill.

In every state and almost every Congressional district, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center funding supports afterschool and summer learning programs that offer locally based school and community solutions that inspire young people to learn, keep children and teenagers safe both online and offline, inspire and give parents peace of mind. These federal formula grants to states enable communities to leverage local and private sector resources by providing seed grants for 3-5 years that support community partnerships among community-based organizations, faith based partners, private industry, and school partners (public, private, and charter). Between 2006 and 2010, these grants leveraged more than \$1 billion in partner contributions.

21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs reflect the needs of local communities. Students gain access to activities and services designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program, such as: hands on learning, physical activity, cooking classes, workforce development opportunities including gaining knowledge and skills in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) that underpin most modern jobs, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, the arts, and more. Additionally, parents of children served have access to their own programs in literacy, parenting, and related educational development. These programs provide an infrastructure to bring in other resources to students including access to mentors, tutors, snacks and meals, and in some places medical, dental and mental health programs.

Afterschool programs show returns on investment with reports from Minnesota, Vermont, Maryland and Oklahoma and nationally showing that each dollar invested in afterschool programs saves up to \$9 by increasing

young people's learning potential, improving student performance in school, and reducing juvenile crime. Quality afterschool programming prepares students for college and the workforce, as demonstrated through evaluation reports from 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center programs across states:

- Texas: Students participating in Texas' 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC afterschool programs, referred to as the Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE), were more likely to be promoted to the next grade. The longer students were in the program, the greater the impact reducing disciplinary incidents and school-day absences.
- California: A statewide longitudinal evaluation of the After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) program—California's high school component of the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program—found that students participating in the ASSETs program performed better on the ELA and math sections of state tests than non-participants.

Students who regularly participate in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers improve their school attendance, class participation and behavior, homework completion, and reading and math achievement scores and grades. The demand for afterschool programs continues to grow in communities of all types, including rural, urban and suburban communities. Nationally, for every one student in a program, two more are waiting to get in.

Students spend 80% of their waking hours outside of school. Good policy means investing in programs that keep our students engaged after the traditional school days ends, when 11.3 million children are unsupervised and juvenile crime and risky behaviors peak. Afterschool programs provide safe, engaging, time tested and research based solutions that work for students, families, communities, and the nation.

Thank you for supporting sustained funding for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC.

#### National Organizations

A World Fit For Kids!

After-School All-Stars

Alliance for Strong Families and Communities

America SCORES

American Camp Association

American Heart Association

Association of Science-Technology Centers

BOKS Kids

Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Building Educated Leaders for Life (BELL)

Camp Fire

Campaign for Environmental Literacy

Child Care Aware of America

Coaching Corps

Coalition for Community Schools

Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)

Committee for Children

Communities In Schools

DREAM

El Puente

EngenderHealth  
EnvisionEdPlus  
FIRST  
First Focus Campaign for Children  
Food Research and Action Center  
Forum for Youth Investment  
Girls Inc.  
Girls on the Run (GOTR)  
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InPlay  
Justice For Families  
Marathon Kids  
MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership  
National AfterSchool Association  
National Association for Family, School and Community Engagement  
(NAFSCE)  
National Association of Secondary School Principals  
National Black Child Development Institute  
National Council of Youth Sports (NCYS)  
National Girls Collaborative  
National Human Services Assembly  
National PTA  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Summer Learning Association  
National Women's Law Center  
National Writing Project  
National Youth Leadership Council  
New York Hall of Science  
Oral Health America  
Partnership for America's Children  
PEAR Institute  
Public Advoacy for Kids  
Rural School and Community Trust  
Save the Children  
SchoolHouse Connection  
STEM Education Coalition  
STEM Next Opportunity Fund  
Techbridge Girls  
The Richard W. Riley Institute at Furman  
U.S.Dream Academy  
United Way Worldwide  
US Lacrosse  
W. Haywood Burns Institute

WINGS for kids  
YMCA of the USA  
Young Adult Library Services Association  
Young Audiences  
Youth Guidance

State and Local Groups

Alaska Food Coalition	AK
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula, Alaska	AK
Nenana City School District	AK
Nenana Tortella Council on Aging, Inc	AK
New Hope Community Learning Center	AL
Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families	AR
Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance/Arkansas No Kid Hungry Campaign	AR
21st Century After School at Craycroft Elementary	AZ
Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence	AZ
Chicanos Por La Causa	AZ
Clovers M.o.M	AZ
Kid Zone Enrichment Program	AZ
Thornsdale Academy	AZ
Children Now	CA
Abi Castillo	CA
After School All Stars, Los Angeles	CA
arc	CA
Boys & Girls Clubs of Carson	CA
California AfterSchool Network	CA
California Food Policy Advocates	CA
Camino Nuevo Charter Academy	CA
Central Valley Afterschool Foundation	CA
Citizen Schools California	CA
CORE Educational Services	CA
Dorris Dann Kids Campus	CA
EduCare Foundation	CA
Girls Inc. of Alameda County	CA
Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA)	CA
Julian Pathways	CA
Julian Union School District	CA
LA's BEST After School Enrichment Program	CA
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	CA
Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District	CA
Monterey Peninsula Unified School District After School Academy (ASA)	CA
Outdoor Outreach	CA
Partnership for Children & Youth	CA

Redwood City Parks, Recreation and Community Services	CA
Santa Barbara Unified School District	CA
Save The Children, CA Programs	CA
Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center	CA
The Children's Initiative	CA
Think Together	CA
YMCA of San Diego County	CA
Youth Policy Institute	CA
Colorado Afterschool Partnership	CO
Denver Public Schools Discovery Link	CO
Douglas County Schools Colorado	CO
Save the Children, Colorado	CO
Common Ground (New Haven Ecology Project)	CT
Hartford Communities That Care	CT
Mystic Aquarium	CT
Riverside Academy	CT
Asian American LEAD	DC
Centronia	DC
Girls Incorporated of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area	DC
Communities In Schools Delaware	DE
Communities in Schools Florida	FL
Communities In Schools of Jacksonville (FL)	FL
Communities In Schools, Miami, FL	FL
Drama Kids of Northwest Florida	FL
R'Club Child Care, Inc.	FL
The Anti-Bullying Coalition	FL
Wellington Elementary School After School Program	FL
21st CCLC programs (BRIDGE)	GA
21st Century-Thomasville, GA	GA
Atlanta After-School All-Stars	GA
Boys and Girls Club of Valdosta	GA
Carrollton City Schools	GA
Christian After School Academy	GA
Clarkston Community Center	GA
CMS 21st CCLC SMART CLUB	GA
Community Services Foundation	GA
Dublin City School System	GA
Empowered Youth of Columbus	GA
Future Seekers, Inc.	GA
Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network	GA
Gilmer County Boys & Girls Club	GA
Girls Inc of Greater Atlanta	GA
GUIDE, Inc.	GA

Hillcrest 21st Century Program	GA
Horizons Atlanta	GA
HTI Catalysts	GA
Impact/ Champ	GA
Interfaith Children's Movement	GA
K.B. Sutton Elementary School	GA
League of Women Voters of GA	GA
Positive Direction Youth Center, Inc.	GA
Pulaski County schools 21st CCLC	GA
Quality Care for Children	GA
Rabun County Community of Learners	GA
Scott Elementary School Site of the Thomas County Resource Center	GA
Thomasville Community Resource Center	GA
Thrive Performance Academy	GA
Towering the Arts, Inc.	GA
Yeager Middle School 21st CCLC Focus Grant	GA
YELLS Inc.	GA
Hawaii Afterschool Alliance	HI
Dubuque Museum of Art	IA
Northeast Iowa Community College	IA
Siouxland Human Investment Partnership	IA
TCLC: 21st Century Community Learning Center	IA
TigerHawk Connection Learning Center	IA
Trolleys of Dubuque, Inc.	IA
West Union Elementary	IA
Idaho Out-of-School Network	ID
ACT Now Coalition	IL
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council	IL
BUILD	IL
Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education	IL
Christopher Unit School District 99	IL
Columbia College Chicago	IL
Communities In Schools of Aurora, Inc.	IL
Dime Child Foundation	IL
Driven and Empowered Youth, Inc.	IL
Du Quoin Community Unit Schools, Dist. 300	IL
Meridian CUSD #101	IL
Metropolitan Family Services	IL
Northeastern Illinois University	IL
Project Success of Vermilion County, Inc.	IL
School District U-46	IL
Thornton Fractional School District	IL
United Way of Illinois	IL

United Way of Metro Chicago	IL
Universal Family Connection Inc.	IL
WeGo Together for Kids	IL
West Chicago Elementary District 33	IL
Youth & Opportunity United	IL
Youth Guidance	IL
Bauer Family Resources	IN
Communities In Schools of Clark County	IN
Communities In Schools of Lake County	IN
Girls Inc. of Shelbyville & Shelby County	IN
Indiana Afterschool Network	IN
Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc.	IN
Southwest Dubois County 21st CCLC RIDGE	IN
The Starke County Youth Club, Inc.	IN
Abilene After School USD 435	KS
Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence	KS
Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka	KS
Coffey County 21st Century Community Learning Center	KS
Colby After School Program	KS
El Centro	KS
Hartford 21st CCLC	KS
Joshua Restoration Center	KS
Kansas Enrichment Network	KS
KC STEM Alliance	KS
Lawrence Arts Center	KS
McPherson Family YMCA	KS
Neosho Rapids Elementary	KS
Positive Rhythm Productions	KS
Quincy Visual Arts Learning Academy	KS
Reach for the Stars After School Program	KS
St. Peter CME Church	KS
Stafford Schools USD 349 STARS After School	KS
Topeka Public Schools	KS
Topeka USD 502	KS
USD 108	KS
USD 383	KS
Valley Heights Community Education	KS
Wichita Children's Home	KS
YMCA of Greater Kansas	KS
Communities In Schools of Mid-America	KS, MO, OK, IA, NE
"The Family Place" Family Resource Center serving Adair County Primary Center	KY

Adair County Primary 21st CCLC	KY
Camp Casey ACPC	KY
Laura Murrell, Adair County Primary Center	KY
Save the Children, Kentucky Programs	KY
Tompkinsville Elementary School Cub Club	KY
Urban Support	LA
Chelsea City Council & REACH Afterschool Program Oversight Committee Member	MA
Chelsea REACH Program	MA
Fall River Public Schools	MA
Girls Inc. of Greater Lowell	MA
Imagine That	MA
Leominster Public Schools	MA
Morton Middle School	MA
Advocates for Children and Youth	MD
Akobon Foundation	MD
Banner Neighborhoods Community Corp.	MD
Black Girls Dive Foundation	MD
Boys and Girls Club of Washington County, MD	MD
Caroline County Recreation & Parks	MD
Code in the Schools	MD
Community Services Foundation	MD
Creative City Public Charter School Foundation, Inc.	MD
Cultural Academy for Excellence	MD
Digital Harbor Foundation	MD
Downtown Sailing Center	MD
Elev8 Baltimore	MD
Healthy School Food Maryland	MD
Howard County Public Schools	MD
Identity	MD
In Reach, Inc.	MD
IO Workshop - Melong Ling	MD
Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center, Inc	MD
Maryland Hunger Solutions	MD
Maryland Leadership Workshops	MD
Maryland Out of School Time Network	MD
Montgomery County Recreation	MD
Montgomery Housing Partnership	MD
Murray Educational Services	MD
Sail Baltimore	MD
Sharp Insight, LLC	MD
Stand for Youth	MD
Start The Adventure In Reading (STAIR) - Annapolis, Inc.	MD



Strong City Baltimore	MD
The Will of Wisdom Center for Wellbeing	MD
There Is Hope Inc	MD
University of Maryland Extension 4-H	MD
Wicomico County STEP Up Program	MD
Woodside Child Care Center, Inc.	MD
Young Audiences of Maryland	MD
LET'S GO Boys and Girls	MD,DC
Bolster Collaborative, Inc.	ME
Maine Children's Alliance	ME
Western Foothills Kids Association	ME
21st CCLC - Muskegon Public Schools	MI
Camp Fire West Michigan 4C	MI
CMH	MI
Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo	MI
Communities in Schools-Michigan	MI
Flint Institute of Arts	MI
Hamtramck HOPE Community Learning Center	MI
Michigan PTA	MI
Michigan's Children	MI
Shelby Public Schools-Aspire Program	MI
Urban Curry Consulting	MI
University of Minnesota Extension Center for Youth Development	MN
Vora SERVICE Non-profit org.	MN
YWCA Minneapolis	MN
Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks	MO
Center of Creative Arts (COCA)	MO
Exeter Afterschool Program	MO
Explorer's Club 21st CCLC	MO
Ivanhoe Neighborhood Councils	MO
Kansas City Public Library	MO
MINDDRIVE	MO
North Callaway Partners in Learning	MO
Vision for Children at Risk	MO
Save the Children	MS,AR
21st Century Community Learning Centers Boulder, MT	MT
Boys & Girls Club of Glacier Country	MT
Boys & Girls Club of Richland County	MT
Bridges Corvallis Afterschool Program	MT
Eureka elementary after school program	MT
Glacier View 4H	MT
LINKS for Learning	MT
Livingston School District	MT

Montana Afterschool Alliance	MT
West Yellowstone School	MT
Avery County 4-H Youth Development	NC
Communities In Schools of Durham	NC
Imagination Station Science and History Museum	NC
Marbles Kids Museum	NC
Museum of Life and Science	NC
Gateway to Science Center, Inc	ND
Boys & Girls Clubs of Lincoln/Lancaster County	NE
Family Service Lincoln	NE
Lincoln Housing Authority	NE
Malone Community Center	NE
Willard Community Center	NE
Capital City 21st Century Community Learning Centers	NH
Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City	NJ
NJSACC: NJ's Statewide Afterschool Network	NJ
Girls Inc. of Santa Fe	NM
New Mexico Voices for Children	NM
After-School All-Stars Las Vegas	NV
Alliance of New York State YMCAs	NY
Amani Public Charter School	NY
Bindlestiff Family Cirkus / Bindlestiff's Cirkus After School	NY
Boys & Girls Club of Geneva	NY
Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany	NY
Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester	NY
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns	NY
Broadway Bound Kids	NY
Capital District YMCA	NY
Catalyst Research LLC	NY
Center for Community Alternatives	NY
Central Queens Y	NY
Children's Aid	NY
Community Action Organization	NY
Comprehensive Development, Inc	NY
Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation	NY
Directions For Our Youth, Inc.	NY
DREAM	NY
Early Care & Learning Council	NY
Girls Inc. of Long Island	NY
Girls Inc. of Westchester County	NY
Global Kids	NY
Good Shepherd Services	NY
Greater Rochester Summer Learning Association	NY

Healthy Kids Extended Day Program Inc	NY
Hudson Area Association Library	NY
Hudson City School District After School Program	NY
Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement	NY
Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County	NY
New York State Network for Youth Success	NY
North Rose Wolcott Youth Center	NY
Project Most	NY
Quad A for Kids	NY
Say Yes Buffalo	NY
South Asian Youth Action (SAYA)	NY
St. Mary's Center	NY
St. Nicks Alliance	NY
STEM Alliance of Larchmont-Mamaroneck	NY
The Center for Youth	NY
The Children's Agenda	NY
The Community Place of Greater Rochester	NY
The Hetrick-Martin Institute	NY
Valley Community Association Inc.	NY
YMCA of the Twin Tiers	NY
Sadie Nash Leadership Project	NY and NJ
Amicus Children Learning Centers, LLC	OH
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve	OH
Boys and Girls Clubs of Lorain County	OH
Cacciato Consulting	OH
Chesapeake Union Exempted Village Schools	OH
CH-UH City Schools	OH
Circleville City School District	OH
Columbus State's ESL Afterschool Community	OH
Communities In Schools of Central Ohio	OH
Delaware City Schools School Age Child Care	OH
Elgin Local Schools`	OH
EnvisionEdPlus	OH
First Step After School Program	OH
GRAD Cincinnati	OH
Harrison East 21st Century After School PAWS	OH
Making Sense of Language Arts	OH
Murtis Taylor Human Service Systems	OH
MyCom	OH
Patrick Henry High School	OH
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church	OH
Shawnee State University	OH
Voices for Ohio's Children	OH

Warren City Schools	OH
Muldraw School	OK
Gresham-Barlow School District	OR
OregonASK	OR
Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest	OR and WA
Allentown City School District	PA
Communities In Schools Pennsylvania	PA
Connect, Inc.	PA
Creative Kids Educational Center Inc.	PA
Girls Inc of Greater Phila. & Southern New Jersey	PA
Hazleton Area School District	PA
Maple Manor Elementary/Middle School	PA
SHINE After School Program at Wilkes University	PA
SHINE After School Program of Luzerne County at Wilkes University	PA
United Way of Pennsylvania	PA
Vision Academy Charter School	PA
Washington Family Center	PA
Cranston Public Library	RI
New Urban Arts	RI
Communities in Schools of Greenville	SC
Dreams Imagination & Gift Development Program	SC
Public Education Partners	SC
Save the Children, SC Programs	SC
21st Century Overton County	TN
Black Children's Institute of Tennessee	TN
Boys & Girls Club of Jackson	TN
Boys & Girls Club of the Monroe area	TN
Boys & Girls Clubs of Rutherford County	TN
Bradford School Program	TN
Capshaw LEAPS	TN
Communities in Schools of Tennessee at Memphis	TN
Decaturville Elementary 21st Century Program	TN
Girls Incorporated of the Tennessee Valley	TN
Morgan County Schools	TN
Putnam County School System	TN
Rise Up!	TN
Save the Children - TN Programs	TN
Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth	TN
TN Afterschool Network	TN
United Ways of TN	TN
Academic Beginnings for Children	TX
ACE	TX
Austin ISD	TX

Boys & Girls Clubs of Edinburg RGV	TX
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area	TX
Camp Fire Central Texas	TX
Chinese Community Center	TX
Clayton Youth Enrichment	TX
Communities in Schools of North Texas	TX
Communities In Schools of the South Plains	TX
Cycle 8 21st CCLC	TX
Dallas Afterschool	TX
DeSoto Independent School District	TX
Destiny Empowerment Enterprises, Inc	TX
Early ISD ACE	TX
Engineering For Kids	TX
Girls Inc. of San Antonio	TX
HYPE Freedom School, Inc.	TX
Janet Mockovciak	TX
Karnes City ISD ACE Program	TX
Learn All the Time Network	TX
Levelland ISD	TX
Middle School ACE Program	TX
PAIR - Partnership for the Advancement & Immersion of Refugees	TX
Readers 2 Leaders	TX
Santa Rosa ISD	TX
Texas Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs	TX
Texas Partnership for Out of School Time	TX
The DoSeum	TX
The Learning Community	TX
United Way Houston, TX	TX
United Ways of Texas	TX
Voices for Children of San Antonio	TX
Youth Odyssey, Inc.	TX
Ysleta ISD	TX
Texas Partnership for Out of School Time	TX
Discovery Gateway Children's Museum	UT
Natural History Museum of Utah	UT
Utah Afterschool Network	UT
Communities In Schools of Hampton Roads	VA
Communities In Schools of Petersburg	VA
Communities In Schools of Virginia	VA
Girls on the Run of Central Virginia	VA
On the Road Collaborative	VA
Robert S. Payne Elementary School	VA
Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time	VA

Encore After School and Summer Programs	VT
Hunger Free Vermont	VT
Vermont Afterschool	VT
Voices for Vermont's Children	VT
Communities in Schools of Peninsula	WA
Save the Children, WA Programs	WA
School's Out Washington	WA
Girls Inc of Greater Madison	WI
Goodman Community Center	WI
Hunger Task Force	WI
Kids Forward	WI
Wisconsin Afterschool Network	WI
MC After 3	WV
Save the Children, WV	WV
Step by Step, Inc.	WV
The Education Alliance	WV
Boys & Girls Club of Dubois	WY
Boys & Girls Club of Campbell County	WY
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming	WY
Carbon County School District 1	WY
City of Lander	WY
Etna Elementary	WY
Fremont County School District #1- Lights On	WY
Fremont County School District #38 21stCCLC Program	WY
Gannett Peak Elementary School	WY
HSCSD#1 Lights On Afterschool	WY
Lander Middle School/Fremont County School District #1	WY
Lander Valley High School	WY
Lights On Afterschool Program	WY
Mercer Family Resource Center	WY
Pathfinder High School	WY
Paul Stock Recreation Center	WY
The Science Zone	WY
The SHACK	WY
Torrington After School Program	WY
Washakie County Youth Alternatives	WY
WCSD#1 Double AAces	WY
Worland Youth Learning Center	WY
Wyoming Afterschool Alliance	WY
Wyoming Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals	WY
Wyoming Women's Foundation	WY
Youth Emergency Services	WY