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WASHINGTON

April 19, 1993

Ms. Catherine Dyball
MAVD Issues Chairperson
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Dear Ms. Dyball:

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As we work to develop our program, input from grass-roots organizers such as yourself provides invaluable insight. Indeed, the program of National Service will succeed only if it adroitly forms a partnership with community alliances. I welcome and encourage your continued input.

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Minnesota Association of Volunteer Directors

March 14, 1993

President Bill Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Greetings from Minnesota! Our organization represents the concerns of more than 300 volunteer administrators in our state from a variety of people-serving agencies, public and private. We are writing to you to inform you about our view of your proposed National Service initiative.

Many of our members work with and for youth-serving agencies. In our state, during our current legislative session, we have more than eight bills related to youth service(youth works, youth apprenticeship, youth entrepreneurship, etc.). We are a designated Serve! America area as well. We were honored to be one of the sites when the public hearings on National and Community Service took place last December. Several of our members were in attendance at the hearing in Minnesota.

Let me state that overall we are pleased with your proposal to have a program for voluntary national service. We, too, hope that national service "will be America at its best," as you have stated in your speech at Rutgers University on March 1 of this year. You cited many premier programs that can serve as models for the nation on the value and impact of national service(Los Angeles Conservation Corps, City Year in Boston, and others).

We agree that **partnership** is the key to building a strong national service program. Many states have already shown the success of this concept, as you know. There are many ways to implement your ideas. The commitment at the federal level is great, as passage of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 has mentioned. Our organization supports these efforts in general.

What we want to emphasize is the importance of inclusion of the role of volunteer administrators in the discussion and program development. On a weekly basis, most of us are contacted by schools to have a "service-learning" opportunity available for a student, often with only a few days notice and not including a format for training, supervision and on-going evaluation.

Please include a comprehension provision for the volunteer administrator in plans for your National Service program. We are

not the ones receiving the grant monies that are already available. We are willing to work with national and community service recipients but it is not cost-free to our agencies. We have a commitment to assist young people to make volunteering in their community an integral part of who they are - life-long volunteering is our goal. We know the value of volunteerism in making our nation the world-wide leader it is today in areas of human rights, women's and children's issues, collaboration with business and the non-profit sector and envisioning the future for all.

Your "Summer of Service" program offers many young people a great opportunity to learn and grow. In reference to the reorientation of the nation's student loan program, you have mentioned that students may be involved in more intensive and longer-term service-oriented efforts. Our concern is what can we do for those young people who will not choose college as their first option after high-school graduation? What about the over age 25 person who is returning to college? Are they eligible for your programs? Are there provisions to assist with day-care expenses for the parent who is going to school?

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We would welcome hearing from you, President Clinton. We are here to assist you. Our members in Minnesota are proud of their tradition of volunteerism and commitment to others. We want to make America the best it can be.

Enclosed is a copy of our position statement on Youth Community Service and also an excerpt from a speech by a noted urban sociologist, Jennifer James. Ms. James was a keynote speaker at the October 1992 International Conference on Volunteer Administration, with nearly 1200 in attendance. In 1993, the international conference will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas!

Your bring hope in the present for the future. Best wishes for success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

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Cathy Dyball submitted an article by Jennifer James: "Throughout your life, there is a voice only you can hear. A voice which mythologists label 'the call.' A call to the value of your life. The choice of risk and individual bliss over the known and secure.

You may choose not to hear your spirit. You may prefer to build a life within the compound, to avoid risk. It is possible to find happiness within a familiar box, a life of comfort and control.

Or, you may choose to be open to new experiences, to leave the limits of your conditioning, to hear the call. Then you must act. If you never hear it, perhaps nothing is lost. If you hear it and ignore it, your life is lost."



POSITION STATEMENT
YOUTH COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The Minnesota Association of Volunteer Directors (MAVD) advocates for and supports community volunteer service which is mutually beneficial to youth and to the service recipients.

Collaboration of the volunteer agencies and schools or youth-serving organizations will ensure quality experience. Provisions must be made for appropriate placement, training, supervision, and recognition of the volunteers, in addition to an age-appropriate learning component for participants to reflect on their experiences.