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Mr. Eli Segal
National Service Program
White House
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Washington, DC 20050

Dear Mr. Segal:

I am a member of the American Federation of Teachers, Local 212, employed as an accounting instructor at Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC). I write on behalf of myself and my colleagues to request information on possible pilot programs for the National Service Plan.

MATC, I believe, is an excellent site for a pilot plan for a number of reasons. We are a large, urban institution with four campuses and a number of regional centers enrolling 66,445 students in our four-county district with a population of 1,432,149. Many in our student body are underemployed, unemployed, or financially needy and could realize immediate benefits from a program offering educational benefits in return for service. Our metropolitan, midwestern location would also assure a high level of visibility for a pilot program.

But perhaps the strongest argument for locating a pilot program at an institution like MATC is that we have longstanding traditions of providing the local economy with skilled workers and of offering various services to our community. We have in place programs for skilled workers in such fields as accounting, automotive technology, dental hygiene, nursing, physical therapy, child care, and construction trades. Such training could be used for a Volunteer Service Plan in ways such as:

- revitalizing decaying inner city housing
- maintaining and providing transportation for unemployed or underemployed inner city residents to new jobs in the western suburbs of Milwaukee
- providing transportation and other assisted living services to the elderly that would allow greater numbers of senior citizens to live independently and reduce health care costs
- coordinating a large scale basic skills tutoring program in the schools for younger children and on-site at MATC for high school students.

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The college already has a number of service projects that would fit naturally into a National Service Plan. Our Business Division, for example, provides practical experience for its students and service to the community with its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and with a Business Outreach Program offering training to businesses.

In these and many other ways, I believe that MATC provides a significant opportunity for experimentation with a service program.

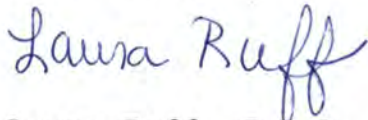
Please direct your questions to my office at:

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Ruff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" and last name "Ruff" clearly legible.

Laura Ruff, C.P.A.
Accounting Instructor

c: Frances Elliot
Dorsey Kendrick
Linda Stewart