**Pandemic Response National Service Act   
Sample email text for programs to share with their volunteers**

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Dear PROGRAM NAME Volunteers,

PROGRAM NAME is a member of [Catholic Volunteer Network](https://catholicvolunteernetwork.org/) (CVN), a national network of programs like ours supporting full-time, faith-based service. CVN works with other faith-based and secular groups to support national service and has in the past received AmeriCorps funding that has helped many CVN programs and volunteers.

CVN is currently working with other national groups to support legislation that will enable more people to serve in ways similar to how you have been serving with us. Expanding service will help empower volunteers - maybe even you - to help address the effects of COVID-19.

Although I don’t know exactly how this legislation may help PROGRAM NAME, we are supporting it because it will help many people and communities. If the legislation does pass, CVN, its members and volunteers like you might benefit from another AmeriCorps grant. [Here is an article from CVN about the importance of advocating for this legislation](https://catholicvolunteernetwork.org/expansive-advocacy/). And here is [more information on the legislation](https://www.coons.senate.gov/news/press-releases/sen-coons-colleagues-introduce-legislation-to-significantly-expand-national-service-programs-to-respond-to-covid-19).

I hope you will consider asking your elected officials to support this legislation. Here are a few steps for doing so:

**How to contact your elected officials:**

1. Visit [THIS SITE](https://whoismyrepresentative.com/) and enter your zip code to determine who your elected officials are.
2. Visit the websites of your elected officials to find out how to email them (email address or form).
3. Next, craft your message using the above example and send.
4. Please provide brief info on this [Google Doc](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1O45ZZg2Nqdgt_w5e2XSZMDzWKCAP751Jndzxe3Az9sM/edit#gid=0) – and send Yonce Shelton ([yshelton@catholicvolunteernetwork.org](mailto:yshelton@catholicvolunteernetwork.org)) anything substantial you receive as a reply.

**If you have a personal relationship with your Senator/Representative** **or a key staff person**, consider emailing them directly.  If you’d like help thinking about that, let Yonce know.