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The Honorable Eugene Scalia
Secretary of Labor
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Secretary Scalia,

I write to highlight the continued importance of Job Corps centers in Montana and throughout the country. As your department finalizes guidelines necessary to allow students to return to in-person instruction, I urge you to do so promptly so these students can return to the classroom and their respective Job Corps centers as soon as possible.

Job Corps provides valuable educational and vocational training in skilled trades to young people across Montana. The jobs these students will soon fill are good-paying, in demand positions that are critical to our economy. While some aspects can be completed virtually, much of the training these students require is hands-on and as such, is not conducive to distance learning. While we are still in the midst of a once in a generation pandemic, I believe we can safely balance the educational needs of these students with appropriate public health protocols to ensure a successful return to the classroom.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter and your dedication to Job Corps. I look forward to further working with you to ensure the best outcome for these hardworking students.

Sincerely,



STEVE DAINES
United States Senator