

**AMENDMENT****OFFERED BY MR. SOUDER OF INDIANA TO THE  
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUB-  
STITUTE TO H.R. 2857**

In section 1301, insert after paragraph (2) the following (and redesignate succeeding paragraphs accordingly):

1           (3) in subsection (c)—

2                   (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
3           by inserting after the comma the following: “or  
4           in conjunction with approving member-based  
5           national service positions under section 129A,”;  
6           and

7                   (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “carried  
8           out using such assistance” and inserting “car-  
9           ried out using such assistance or in national  
10          service positions approved under section 129A”;

In section 1307, redesignate as 129B the section 129A being added to the National and Community Service Act of 1990, and insert before that section the following:

1 **“SEC. 129A. PILOT AUTHORITY FOR MEMBER-BASED NA-**  
2 **TIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS.**

3 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Corporation may, on a pilot  
4 basis, reserve up to 5 percent of the funds allocated by  
5 the Corporation for provision of assistance under sub-  
6 section (a) of section 121 for a fiscal year to test new  
7 approaches to increasing and diversifying opportunities to  
8 serve in approved national service positions in commu-  
9 nities throughout the United States, including allowing in-  
10 dividuals to serve in such positions other than through  
11 program operational grants under this subtitle.

12 “(b) **COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF ELIGIBLE ENTI-**  
13 **TIES.**—The Corporation may, each fiscal year, after mak-  
14 ing selections on a competitive basis, provide funds au-  
15 thorized under subsection (a) to not more than 15 State  
16 commissions on national and community service and other  
17 entities eligible for assistance under subsection (a) of sec-  
18 tion 121.

19 “(c) **REQUIREMENTS.**—To receive a grant under this  
20 section, an eligible entity must demonstrate that it—

21 “(1) satisfies qualification criteria established  
22 by the Corporation, including standards relating to  
23 organizational capacity, financial management, and  
24 programmatic oversight, that are designed to ensure  
25 that Federal funds are managed in accordance with  
26 all applicable requirements, and that service activi-

1 ties subject to its oversight comply with all applica-  
2 ble restrictions;

3 “(2) is meeting accountability requirements  
4 under section 179;

5 “(3) has mechanisms to ensure compliance with  
6 sections 132, 174, and 175;

7 “(4) will approve sites for placement of partici-  
8 pants in a manner that achieves the purposes of this  
9 section;

10 “(5) will oversee no more than 5 participants at  
11 each site; and

12 “(6) will comply with matching funds require-  
13 ments set by the Corporation, unless the Corpora-  
14 tion determines that the reasonable and necessary  
15 costs of carrying out the approved activity signifi-  
16 cantly exceed the amount of assistance provided by  
17 the Corporation.

18 “(d) DURATION.—An agreement to support activities  
19 under this section shall be for a period not to exceed 3  
20 years.

21 “(e) ACCOUNTABILITY.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall con-  
23 sult with its Inspector General, State commissions  
24 on national and community service, and national and  
25 State accrediting agencies in developing methods of

1 ensuring and improving accountability in the pilot  
2 initiatives under this section, including the areas of  
3 financial management and participant management.

4 “(2) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—If an eligible enti-  
5 ty fails to comply with accountability measures ap-  
6 plicable to this section, it shall be ineligible to re-  
7 ceive a grant under this section for at least 5 years.

8 “(f) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Corporation shall  
9 report to Congress, on an annual basis, on activities un-  
10 dertaken, and outcomes achieved, under this pilot author-  
11 ity.”.