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March 14, 2016

The Honorable Ander Crenshaw
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General
Government
U.S. House of Representatives
B-300 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable José Serrano
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Crenshaw and Ranking Member Serrano:

As you begin work on the fiscal year (FY) 2017 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, I ask that you prioritize resources and fully support the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) program. SCORE is one of the most efficient and effective small business formation and job creation catalysts in the country.

SCORE has 300 chapters throughout the United States and its network includes more than 11,000 volunteers, primarily comprised of retired executives and active business owners who donate their time and expertise as business mentors. These individuals contribute more than a million hours of service each year to support the communities in which they serve. To date, SCORE has assisted more than 10 million Americans with online and face-to-face small business counseling. SCORE services over 350,000 small business clients annually, providing more than half a million services each year.

Job creation and business formation remain critical to our country's economic revival, and SCORE has demonstrated that it is instrumental in helping small businesses achieve these outcomes. In 2014 alone, SCORE mentors helped their clients create 56,000 new businesses and 47,000 new jobs. Additionally, SCORE is committed to helping many underserved groups; of SCORE's clients in 2014, 56% were women, 39% were minorities, and 13% were veterans.

In addition to being extremely effective, Score is also very efficient. For every federal dollar invested in SCORE in 2014, SCORE clients on average returned \$60 in new incremental federal payroll and income taxes to the federal treasury.

I appreciate your consideration of my request for this effective small business formation and job creation program.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress