

Hello, as a 4 time AmeriCorps Alumna and current AmeriCorps Program Director I would like to share my opposition to HB 2737, Individual's choose to give a year of their lives to service in order to empower our communities to grow and flourish. In accepting the oath to serve, members agree to live off of a small living allowance, that places them well below the poverty line. They do this to give to their communities and also with the hopes of lowering their student debt or paying for college that would not have been an option for them before; with the education award. Further taxing of this award, can greatly reduce the amount these civic minded individual's receive and in some cases deter them from choosing service over a part time job. We want to instill volunteerism and civic mindedness into our communities, and thus should not make an already financially difficult choice even harder.