

Save the CCC Telephone Script

Hello,

My name is (your name) and I am a resident of (state). My zip code is (your zip) and I am a constituent of (Representative/Senator's name). I am calling because the Secretary of Agriculture has announced that USDA plans to end the Forest Service Civilian Conservation Corps program and is circumventing Congressional approval to do it.

I ask that (Rep/Senator) assist by:

- 1. Calling the Secretaries of Agriculture and Labor and opposing their efforts to close the CCCs*
- 2. Contacting Senator Jeff Merkley and signing onto his letter in support of the CCCs.*

If your state has one or more Centers in the [attached table](#), add the following:

Our state hosts the (name of center(s)), and they will be shut down if we are unable to convince the Secretaries to change course.

"Can I count on the Representative/Senator to support this effort?"

If they engage you in conversation, here are some talking points:

The (Representative/Senator) should oppose this effort because:

- Many of the Forest Service CCCs are amongst the top performing Job Corps Centers in the country.
- These centers provide at risk young Americans with education and trade skills.
 - DOL's plans to pilot a program of "scholars" at community colleges will leave most of these youth with no options, because they are not yet ready for college.
- These centers are in rural, low-income areas and the economic impact of closing the center(s) will be devastating to these community.
- The centers provide training in fire-fighting and support the nation's Forests in their fuels management and fire suppression efforts. This is a win-win for the American taxpayer and the students who are served by these centers.