

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To ensure that Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers remain under the Department of Agriculture.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S. 1790**

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. TESTER (for  
himself and Mr. MERKLEY)

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle H of title X, add the following:  
2 **SEC. 108\_\_ . JOB CORPS CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CEN-**  
3 **TERS.**

4 Notwithstanding any provision of the Workforce In-  
5 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.)  
6 (including regulations, guidance, memoranda of under-  
7 standing, and interagency agreements written or entered  
8 into pursuant to that Act), during the period beginning  
9 on January 21, 2019, and ending not earlier than January

1 21, 2025, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary  
2 of Labor—

3 (1) shall not transfer the operation of any Job  
4 Corps Civilian Conservation Center from the Forest  
5 Service;

6 (2) shall ensure that each Job Corps Civilian  
7 Conservation Center is operated in accordance with  
8 the interagency agreement entitled “Interagency  
9 Agreement between the United States Department  
10 of Labor and the United States Department of Agri-  
11 culture Governing the Funding, Establishment, and  
12 Operation of Job Corps Civilian Conservation Cen-  
13 ters”, as the interagency agreement existed on Janu-  
14 ary 21, 2019;

15 (3) shall not contract with any entity to operate  
16 a Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center; and

17 (4) shall not close or deactivate any Job Corps  
18 Civilian Conservation Center unless closure or deac-  
19 tivation is a necessary response to a substantial  
20 health or safety threat to students or staff at a cen-  
21 ter, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture  
22 and the Secretary of Labor.