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Washington, DC 20515-1501

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Barbara Stewart
Chief Executive Officer
Corporation for National and Community Service
250 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20525

Dear Ms. Stewart:

I write with serious concerns regarding the failure of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to consider Serve DC's, the state service commission for the District of Columbia, subapplications for the 2019 AmeriCorps State and National competitive grant competition.

I understand that the deadline for state service commissions to submit their applications was 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2019. I further understand that Serve DC experienced technical difficulties regarding its application, which did not allow them to finalize their submission until the morning after the deadline. Serve DC also submitted numerous requests through the CNCS help desk prior to the deadline expiring. CNCS staff informed Serve DC that they should email CNCS's grant email account and inform the agency of its submission challenges. Serve DC was then instructed to follow the CNCS's guidance regarding late submissions, which it did.

Given Serve DC's legitimate attempts to submit its application on time, and especially given the importance of these grants to the District, I ask that you consider Serve DC's AmeriCorps grant subapplications.

I appreciate your attention to this matter, and request that you respond in writing within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

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