



June 3, 2025

Lori Chavez-DeRemer
Secretary
Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Chavez-DeRemer:

I write to urge you to reconsider your misguided decision to pause operations at Job Corps centers across the country, including in Milwaukee. I ask that you immediately reverse this decision, reinstate the contract, and ensure that the Job Corps Center in Milwaukee can return to providing quality services to its students and a talent pipeline for area employers.

The Milwaukee Job Corps site has served the community since 2010, and currently has 237 students. The Center assists students ages 16 through 24 in completing their education, obtaining career technical skills and gaining employment, while also providing essential and transitional support services like housing. Milwaukee Job Corps has critical relationships with employers and service providers to ensure students enter the workforce ready to succeed, including by partnering with labor unions to provide pathways to apprenticeships. Employers in the Milwaukee area value Job Corps graduates as strong, reliable contributors in the workplace, and losing that connection will add to the challenge of filling open jobs.

The sudden pause in Job Corps contracts, which serves as a functional cancellation of our investment in job training, will upend the lives of students currently participating in the program and disrupt a vital link in the workforce system in place in Milwaukee. Through Job Corps, students earn drivers' licenses, attain GEDs, go on to join the military, go to college, and more. Canceling the contract means these students will be interrupted and potentially dislocated in the middle of attaining certifications and reaching their goals. Robbing these Wisconsinites of their path to self-sufficiency is neither efficient nor will it deliver the desired meaningful results for the students.

I urge you to reconsider this course of action and reinstate the contract for the Jobs Corps Center in Milwaukee. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy Baldwin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator