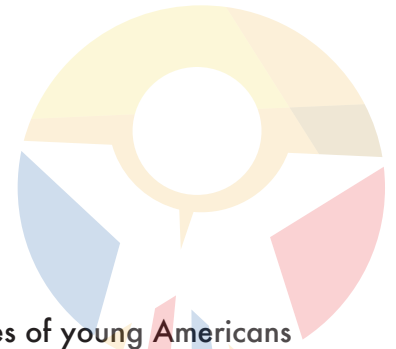




CAMPAIGN FOR A PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH COUNCIL



A SEAT AT THE TABLE

All too often, our federal government makes critical decisions affecting the lives of young Americans without any direct input from them. This failure to engage young Americans in the decision-making process unintentionally leads to the under-representation of roughly 104 million people under the age of 24.

Now, more than ever, we must ensure that we are using our resources wisely, in ways that are only effective today, but also prepare us for a better tomorrow. If we are to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of our nation's federal youth programs, soliciting the views of young Americans must be an essential part of shaping those programs. Youth councils are a proven way for governments to accomplish this task and leverage the creativity of the Millennial Generation. Unfortunately, no such structure exists at the federal level. We believe that needs to change.

WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING

The Presidential Youth Council will be a privately-funded Federal Advisory Committee created by an Executive Order of the President of the United States. The Council would bring together 24 of the brightest young minds four times a year to make official recommendations regarding the design and implementation of federal youth programs. In between these meetings, Council members would crowdsource ideas from listening sessions with peers and bring the best ideas back to Washington. The end result will be an invaluable infusion of creative energy and ideas into the federal government.

The Presidential Youth Council will be:

- 1** BIPARTISAN - Council members will be appointed by the leadership of both parties and all official recommendations will require the formal agreement of two thirds of all members.
- 2** PRIVATELY FUNDED - The Council will be funded by private donations in a public-private partnership that will have no impact on the federal budget.
- 3** DIVERSE - Diverse perspectives are essential to formulating innovative solutions. The Council will reflect the geographic, racial, socioeconomic, and philosophical diversity of America. While the Council will be comprised of civic-minded individuals, it will also seek to leverage the perspective of individuals with career aspirations outside of and within the realm of politics.



Council members will be appointed by the leadership of both parties from a diverse group of young people nominated by any local, state, congressional, or non-governmental youth council in the United States. Each youth council will be limited to one nomination per term. Council members will serve two year terms.

THE PRECEDENTS

Over 400 cities, counties, and states across the country have discovered the value that authentic and properly supported youth councils offer. In addition, at least nine national organizations, including the Red Cross, the UN Foundation, State Farm Insurance Company, and the U.S. State Department, have youth councils or advisory boards. They are credited with multiple successes, ranging from policy advice that has saved Hampton, VA over \$100,000 to corporate giving guidance resulting in more than \$30 million to grantees. In addition, the federal government has a rich history of seeking the input of specific populations on policy decisions. A few examples are the National Council on Disabilities, the Presidential Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA), and the Advisory Council for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

A GROWING MOVEMENT

There is strong support for a Presidential Youth Council. Over 40 members of Congress, 150 organizations, 3 state legislatures, and the White House Council for Community Solutions have publicly endorsed a Presidential Youth Council.



THE WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS



WHY A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION?

Congressional involvement in the nomination process is a cornerstone of our vision for the Council. It will ensure that the Council truly reflects the philosophical diversity of young Americans. It will also give the Council's recommendations more credibility in Congress. If the President and officials in his Administration are the only ones nominating Council members, the impact of the Council will be limited to the Executive Branch. We want the impact of Council's recommendations to extend beyond that.

For the Administration to agree to Congressional nominations, Congress must demonstrate strong, bipartisan support for a Presidential Youth Council that is partially nominated by Members of Congress. We believe a resolution is a powerful means to demonstrate this support.

THE PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH COUNCIL

FOCUS ON YOUTH ISSUES

The council offers an unparalleled opportunity to spotlight the concerns of young people at the highest level of government.

BIPARTISAN COMPROMISE

The council creates a structure that creates bipartisan compromise and innovative solutions for persistent problems.

NEW SOURCE OF INNOVATIVE IDEAS

The council leverages the perspective and ingenuity of the Millennial Generation.

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- Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]
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- Rep. Huffman, Jared (D-CA-2)

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- New Mexico State Legislature
- Indiana State Legislature
- Massachusetts State Legislature
- Tigard City Council
- Simi Valley City Council

- Hillsborough County Commission
- Hillsborough County Public Schools
- City of Tampa
- Miami-Dade County
- Bancroft City Council
- Beemer City Council
- Craig City Council
- Decatur City Council
- Dodge City Council
- Fort Calhoun City Council
- Northbend City Council
- Rosalie City Council
- Snyder City Council

STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

- University of Washington Seattle (46,000)
- Alaska Pacific University (700)
- University of California - Berkeley (62,000)
- Claremont McKenna College (1,300)
- California State University, Fullerton (40,000)
- Colorado College (2,000)
- Catholic University of America (6,800)
- Georgia College (6,700)
- University of Hawaii at Manoa (60,000)
- University of Nevada, Reno (17,000)
- North Dakota State University (15,000)
- Minot State University (3,500)
- Valley City State University (1,500)
- University of North Dakota (15,000)
- Texas Tech University (32,000)
- Northwestern University (19,000)
- Grand Valley State University (24,000)
- Kalamazoo College (1,400)
- University of South Carolina (31,000)
- Clemson University (21,000)
- Fairmont State University (4,600)
- Arizona State University (72,000)

YOUTH COUNCILS

- Minnesota Youth Council
- Iowa Youth Advisory Council
- Nebraska Governor's Youth Advisory Council
- San Francisco Youth Commission
- Los Angeles Mayor's Youth Council
- Rochester/Olmsted Youth Commission
- Tigard Youth Advisory Council
- Tampa Mayors Youth Council
- State Farm Youth Advisory Board
- Simi Valley Youth Commission
- Issaquah Youth Council
- Northampton Youth Commission
- Brighton Youth Commission
- Chase Youth Commission
- Youth Advisory Committee of Cuyahoga County

FEDERAL ADVISORY COUNCILS

- White House Council for Community Solutions

ORGANIZATIONS

- 4-H YFP Mentoring
- Advocates for Youth
- Advocates for Youth Efficacy
- America's Promise Alliance
- American Camp Association
- Art Feeds
- Atlas Service Corps, Inc.
- B'nai B'rith Youth Organization
- Be The Change, Inc.
- Bradley University College Republicans
- Cache Valley Volunteer Center
- California Coalition for Youth
- Campus Splash
- Children's Week
- Community Youth Development
- ComServ
- CYWE Network
- D.C. Students Speak
- DollarBoyz
- DoSomething.org
- Delaware Youth Opportunities Initiative
- Dream Outside the Box
- E3 Initiative
- Earth Day Network
- Earth Force
- East Coast Asian American Student Union
- Empower Orphans
- Equality Initiative
- First Chapter
- First Focus Campaign for Children
- Florida Student Association
- Forum for Youth Investment
- Future Civic Leaders
- Generation Citizen
- Generation18
- generationOn
- Georgetown University College Democrats
- Georgetown University College Republicans
- Girl Forward
- Girl Talk
- girltank
- Global Citizen Year
- Global Youth Action Network
- Greening Forward
- IMPACT Academy for Youth
- Institute for Democratic Education in America
- Junior State of America
- Katie's Krops
- Kentucky Youth Advocates
- Kids Caring 4 Kids
- MA Young Democrats
- Measures for the Future
- Mikva Challenge
- Minga
- Moneythink
- Music is Medicine
- myImpact.org
- National Black Women's Town Hall Meeting
- National Coalition for Academic Service-Learning
- National Collaboration for Youth
- National Youth Association
- National Youth Leadership Council
- Nebraska Children and Families Foundation
- Net Literacy
- New Global Citizens
- New Mexico Forum for Youth
- North Carolina Youth Rock
- Opportunity Nation
- Our Time
- Project HEAL
- ReEnvision Your Future
- Rock the Vote
- Rockland Roundtable Initiative
- The Roosevelt Institute
- S2 Capital
- Serve Next
- ServiceNation
- SHARE
- Spark MicroGrants
- SparkAction
- STAND
- Stow It-Don't Throw It
- Student Voice Project
- Students for Education Reform
- Students Transforming Education
- Team Shift
- The Corps Network
- The Freechild Project
- The Next Great Generation
- The Sparkle Effect
- The Student Lens
- The Thirst Project
- The Virgin Voting Project
- Transitional Age Youth San Francisco
- Urbane Sophisticate
- uThinkTank
- Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association
- Volunteen Nation
- Ways to Help
- We Are Family Foundation
- We Care Act
- WeStopHate
- Wyman Center
- Year Up
- Young Democrats College Caucus
- Young Democrats HS Caucus
- Young Democrats of America
- Young Democrats of Maryland
- Young Entrepreneur Council
- Young Environmentalists Network
- Young Invincibles
- Youth Activism Project
- Youth for National Change
- Youth Leadership Institute
- Youth M.O.V.E.
- Youth Pride Services
- Youth Service America
- YouthBuild USA
- YouthInspire
- YouthMovements
- Youth Voices USA
- Youth on Board
- International Youth Council
- Common Sense Action
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- California Association of Student Councils
- Maryland Association of Student Councils

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

**CO-SPONSOR H. J. RES. 47, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH COUNCIL**

Dear Colleague:

We are writing today to urge you to support H. J. Res. 47, a resolution proposing the establishment of a 'Presidential Youth Council' to advise the President of the United States on the policy priorities of America's young people.

All too often, our government makes critical decisions affecting the future lives of young Americans without any direct input from them. This failure to engage young Americans in the decision-making process unintentionally leads to the under-representation of roughly 104 million people under the age of 24. To counter this, members of Congress, governors, state legislatures, mayors, city councils, corporations, and nonprofit organizations across the country have created youth advisory councils which have proven to be an effective means of gaining input from young people.

However, no such structure currently exists to advise the President of the United States, and that is why we are proposing a resolution supporting the establishment of a 'Presidential Youth Council'.

The Presidential Youth Council will be comprised of 24 young Americans, aged 16-24, who reflect the geographic, socio-economic, and racial diversity of the United States. In order to maintain a strict bi-partisan council the membership will be divided evenly between 12 Republican appointments and 12 Democratic appointments. The purpose of the council will be to solicit policy ideas from young people across the country, and provide the President with recommendations on the design and implementation of federal policies affecting American youth, as well as policies affecting the long-term future of our nation. The council will be funded entirely from private sources, with no impact on the federal budget.

For more information on H. J. Res. 47, or to sign on as a co-sponsor, please contact either Tim Brown (Larson) Tim.Brown2@mail.house.gov, or Adam Stewart (Bishop) Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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MEMBER OF CONGRESS



Rob Bishop
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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H. J. RES. 47

Supporting the establishment of a Presidential Youth Council.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2015

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. ASHFORD, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CLAY, Mr. COOPER, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. DELANEY, Ms. ESTY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. LANCE, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. NEAL, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. STEWART, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, and Mr. ZINKE) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

JOINT RESOLUTION

Supporting the establishment of a Presidential Youth Council.

Whereas the unique perspectives and insights of young people, especially young people who have previously participated in a public policy-related program, outreach initiative, internship, or fellowship opportunity, are essential to ensure that investments made by the Federal Government in youth services are effective and efficient;

Whereas existing outreach and engagement mechanisms of the Federal Government are designed in ways that inhibit

the participation, and lead to the underrepresentation, of young people in the policymaking process; and

Whereas numerous Members of Congress, Governors, State legislatures, mayors, and city councils have created youth councils that have proven to be an effective means of receiving input from young people, which leads to more effective and efficient policies: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH COUNCIL.**

4 (a) Congress—

5 (1) supports the establishment with private
6 funds of a Presidential Youth Council to—

7 (A) advise the President and the adminis-
8 tration on the perspectives of young people;

9 (B) make public policy-related youth pro-
10 grams more efficient and effective; and

11 (C) address issues that will affect the long-
12 term future of the United States;

13 (2) recommends that the Presidential Youth
14 Council be composed of 24 young people who—

15 (A) are appointed by leaders of the major-
16 ity and minority parties in the House and the
17 Senate, and the President, in the manner de-
18 scribed in subsection (b);

19 (B) are 16 to 24 years of age;

1 (C) have participated in a public policy-re-
2 lated program, outreach initiative, internship,
3 fellowship, or congressionally sponsored youth
4 advisory council;

5 (D) can constructively contribute to policy
6 deliberations;

7 (E) can conduct outreach to solicit the
8 views and perspectives of peers; and

9 (F) have backgrounds that reflect the ra-
10 cial, socioeconomic, and geographic diversity of
11 the United States; and

12 (3) recommends that the Presidential Youth
13 Council as a whole undertake activities to solicit the
14 unique views and perspectives of young people and
15 bring those views and perspectives to the attention
16 of the head of each department or agency of the
17 Federal Government and Congress.

18 (b) Congress recommends that the members of the
19 Presidential Youth Council be appointed in the following
20 manner:

21 (1) The President shall appoint 4 Council mem-
22 bers.

23 (2) The Speaker of the House shall appoint ei-
24 ther 4 Council members (if the Speaker belongs to
25 the same political party as the President) or 6 Coun-

1 cil members (if the Speaker does not belong to the
2 same political party as the President).

3 (3) The Minority Leader of the House shall ap-
4 point either 4 Council members (if the Minority
5 Leader belongs to the same political party as the
6 President) or 6 Council members (if the Minority
7 Leader does not belong to the same political party
8 as the President).

9 (4) The Majority Leader of the Senate shall ap-
10 point 4 Council members (if the Majority Leader be-
11 longs to the same political party as the President)
12 or 6 Council members (if the Majority Leader does
13 not belong to the same political party as the Presi-
14 dent).

15 (5) The Minority Leader of the Senate shall ap-
16 point either 4 Council members (if the Minority
17 Leader belongs to the same political party as the
18 President) or 6 Council members (if the Minority
19 Leader does not belong to the same political party
20 as the President).

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