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President

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To: All members, U.S. Congress
Subject: Supporting the Flake amendment to the GIVE Act

Dear Member of Congress,

On behalf of American taxpayers, I urge you to vote for and support the Flake Amendment to H.R. 2857, the Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act (GIVE Act).

The GIVE Act would expand the policy of using taxpayer dollars to pay “volunteers” by creating a new \$20 million program. Under the current bill, children in grades 6-12 would be eligible to receive up to \$1000 for completing a 100 hour community service program.

By definition, a volunteer is not paid. Providing a paycheck at the end of a community service project undermines the purpose of the program. Rep. Jeff Flake of Arizona has proposed an amendment to strike this new taxpayer subsidy for children to be paid to volunteer.

I strongly urge you to support the Flake Amendment to the GIVE Act and send a message that the government should not be paying anyone to “volunteer.”

Onward,

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