



SENATOR HARRY REID, MAJORITY LEADER PROMOTING VOLUNTEERISM AND PUBLIC SERVICE



Senator Reid understands that volunteering and public service represent America's values at their best: using this country's best resource—its citizens—to improve communities and promote important resources. Volunteers will play a significant part in restoring our economy, building a foundation for economic growth one community at a time. In Nevada, almost 400,000 volunteers—fully 20 percent of the population—contributed 59 million hours of community service over the last two years. Senator Reid has secured funding to improve incentives for teachers in Nevada, and continues to pass significant legislation that will increase incentives for volunteers and other public service workers in programs like AmeriCorps. Senator Reid is making sure that individuals who choose to donate their valuable time will have ample cause and opportunity to do so.

Senator Reid Led the Senate in Passing the National Service Bill. Senator Reid helped pass the *Serve America Act*, to incentivize Americans to serve their communities and help tackle many of the nation's serious challenges. The bipartisan bill builds on the success of the existing AmeriCorps program by more than tripling the number of volunteers and creates new programs that focus on education, health care, clean energy, and veterans. The bill raised the stipend for AmeriCorps volunteers to finally match the maximum Pell Grant and created fellowships available for people 55 and older, as well as summer positions for middle- and high-school students. In tribute to victims of the 2001 terrorist attacks, the legislation designated September 11th as a day of service and remembrance. Nevada has received over \$28.7 million in service funding since 2003, thank in part to Senator Reid's leadership. [H.R. 1388, Senate Vote 115, 03/26/10, P.L. 111-013; Corporation for National & Community Service]

Senator Reid Worked to Bring Teach for America to Clark County. Senator Reid's leadership was essential in partnering Teach for America, a nonprofit group committed to educational equity, with the Clark County School District, which resulted in several hundred more highly-qualified teachers in the district.

Senator Reid Fought for Legislation to Incentivize More College Graduates to Enter Teaching. The *College Cost Reduction and Access Act* expanded loan forgiveness programs for graduates who spend 10 years in a public service profession, including teaching. One of the reasons many college graduates do not enter the teaching profession is because of high student loan debt. This legislation also established TEACH grants, which provide grants of \$4,000 per year for undergraduate students who commit to teaching in high-need school districts. [H.R. 2669, Senate Vote 326, 09/07/07, P.L. 110-084]

Senator Reid Worked to Expand Service Learning on Nevada's College Campuses. Senator Reid provided \$250,000 to create a higher education service learning program at Nevada's institutions of higher education to encourage college students to participate in service learning initiatives. [H.R. 1105, Voice Vote, 03/10/09, P.L. 111-008]

HIGHLIGHTS OF SENATOR REID'S SERVICE PROMOTION RECORD

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