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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2857, AS REPORTED**

**OFFERED BY MR. WEINER OF NEW YORK**

At the end of the bill, insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 # TITLE VI—GOTHAMCORPS

2 **SECTION 6001. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This title may be cited as the "GothamCorps Author-
4 ization Act of 2008".

5 **SEC. 6002. GOTHAMCORPS.**

6 (a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—From amounts made
7 available in the National Service Trust to carry out this
8 section, the Corporation for National and Community
9 Service shall carry out a program, to be known as the
10 GothamCorps program, under which the Corporation
11 makes grants to units of local government for use by the
12 unit of local government to carry out volunteer projects.

13 (b) SELECTION CRITERIA AND VOLUNTEER BENE-
14 FITS.—The program shall use the same selection criteria
15 and provide the same volunteer benefits as under the
16 AmeriCorps State and National program.

17 (c) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-
18 priated to the National Service Trust to carry out this
19 section $260,000,000 for each fiscal year.

1 (d) ALLOCATION OF GRANTS.—For each fiscal year,
2 amounts under the program shall be allocated as follows:
3 (1) The first $150,000,000 shall be divided
4 equally into six grants, to be made on a competitive
5 basis to units of local government with populations
6 of more than 100,000.
7 (2) The remaining amounts shall be divided
8 into other grants as the Corporation considers ap-
9 propriate, to be made on a competitive basis to units
10 of local government with populations of not more
11 than 100,000.
12 (e) LOCAL FUNDING.—A unit of local government
13 shall provide to each participant in the volunteer project,
14 in addition to the benefit provided to the participant from
15 grant funds, an amount equal to the cost of one year's
16 tuition at a local public college. Amounts so provided may
17 be derived from the unit of local government itself or from
18 third-party funds.
19 (f) FOCUS.—A unit of local government shall des-
20 ignate an issue of primary focus for the volunteer project
21 and shall dedicate the efforts of the project to addressing
22 that issue.
23 (g) NON-DISPLACEMENT.—A unit of local govern-
24 ment shall ensure that the participants in the project do

1 not perform jobs that would otherwise be performed by
2 full-time employees.

3 (h) ADMINISTRATION.—A unit of local government
4 may use one or more outside persons or entities to admin-
5 ister the volunteer project. In such a case, the unit of local
6 government shall designate a single person to serve as the
7 head of administration.

8 (i) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The grant amounts
9 provided under the program shall include amounts to pro-
10 vide benefits to participants and amounts for the adminis-
11 tration of the volunteer project.

12 (j) ACCOUNTABILITY.—A unit of local government
13 shall institute explicit, measurable goals for assessing
14 whether the volunteer project is successful.

15 (k) SCHOLARSHIP LIMITATION.—Scholarships to in-
16 stitutions of higher education to which the unit of local
17 government does not contribute funds shall not exceed 50
18 percent of the scholarship funds disbursed in a given year.