

Talk to Roger

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Ms. Jacqueline Wexler
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Dear ~~Ms. Wexler~~ **JACQUELINE**:

We have introduced legislation which is currently pending before the Congress to establish a Presidential Commission on National Service. This Commission will explore the desirability and feasibility of establishing a national service program to meet a broad range of human and societal needs. The concept of national service, we believe, has important implications for a number of problems currently facing our nation. However, if the concept of national service is to get a wide and fair hearing, initiatives will be required from many sectors of American society.

We are cosponsoring a meeting with the German Marshall Fund of the United States, which has recently supported research by the Potomac Institute on the national service programs in West Germany and France. This session will be an opportunity to discuss various approaches to national service both in the U.S. and abroad. It will be a small group of no more than 25 people who are leaders in higher education, labor, business, and the media.

The discussion is scheduled for September 9, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It will be held at the United States Capitol and dinner will be provided. The plan is to divide the meeting into two sessions around dinner. The first session will be a review of several possible approaches to national service: the universal, mandatory approach; a large-scale voluntary approach; and a plan developed by Representative McCloskey. A description of the West German civilian service program will also be provided.

The second session will be an open discussion of proposals for involving higher education, labor, business, and the media in the development of the national service concept.

We hope you will be able to join us in this discussion. Please notify Mr. Lawry Payne at (202) 224-2742 as soon as

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possible as to whether you can attend. We will be in touch
with additional details.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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