

Revitalize the National Youth Sports Program!

Dear Colleague,

I invite you to become a cosponsor of the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) Revitalization Act of 2010 (H.R. 4480). For 40 years NYSP has measurably improved the lives of more than 2 million of America's poorest children. Now the program needs your help.

On March 17, 1969, under the leadership of President Johnson, the White House announced that the federal government was committing resources to establish a sports program for economically disadvantaged youth and NYSP was born. The program grew to be much more than a sports program.

For five weeks during the summer months NYSP participants are transported to a college campus and provided with educational and sports-skills instruction and two nutritious USDA-approved meals each day. Participants are also provided instruction in math and sciences, alcohol-and-other-substance abuse programs, nutrition, personal health and wellness. Prior to the program each child receives a medical examination at no cost to the families.

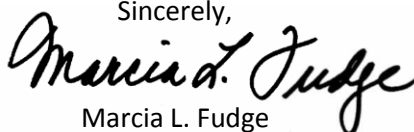
The benefits of the medical exams alone are enormous. In the last year of full federal funding, one third of the kids –more than 26,000– were identified with previously undiagnosed medical conditions, including obesity, asthma, heart murmurs and high blood pressure. NYSP staff worked with parents and guardians to ensure the child received the proper treatment and follow-up care in their respective communities. Without treatment, many of these youth could have developed more serious and costly illnesses down the road.

The federal commitment to NYSP has changed and now these kids need your help. Since 2007, the program has operated without federal funds. The numbers of youth served has dropped dramatically. Last summer slightly more than 7,000 young people participated in NYSP programs – less than ten percent of the 75,000 served as recently as four years ago. In many cases these programs run only two or three weeks instead of the full five.

NYSP needs your support so we will be able to provide thousands of youth a safe, productive and enriching summer, keeping them off the streets and reinforcing the value of physical activity and education.

The National Youth Sports Program Revitalization Act of 2010 will reauthorize and help to modernize NYSP. The legislation authorizes \$20 million dollars each year for NYSP programs between fiscal years 2011 through 2021. Please join me and the more than 75 institutions supporting this legislation in the fight against childhood obesity by supporting this national physical activity and education program for America's underserved youth. A list of supporting institutions is attached. **To become a co-sponsor please contact Clifton Williams at Clifton.Williams@mail.house.gov.**

Sincerely,



Marcia L. Fudge
Member of Congress

Institutions Supporting the National Youth Sports Program

ALABAMA

Livingston – University of West Alabama
Normal – Alabama A&M University
Tuscaloosa – Stillman College

ALASKA

Anchorage - University of Alaska

ARKANSAS

Fayetteville – University of Arkansas

CALIFORNIA

Bakersfield – California State University
Davis – University of California
Los Angeles –University of Southern California
East Los Angeles Community
College
San Jose – San Jose State University

CONNECTICUT

Hartford – Trinity College
New Haven – Yale University

DELAWARE

Wilmington – University of Delaware

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

University of District of Columbia

FLORIDA

St. Petersburg – Eckerd College
Tampa – University of South Florida

GEORGIA

Albany – Albany State University
Atlanta – Morehouse College
Fort Valley – Fort Valley State University

ILLINOIS

Chicago – Chicago State University
Daley College
Kennedy-King College
Malcolm X College
Rockford – Rock Valley College
Quincy – John Wood Community College

INDIANA

West Lafayette – Purdue University

IOWA

Davenport – St. Ambrose University

KANSAS

Kansas City – Kansas City Kansas Community
College

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge – Southern University
Grambling – Grambling State University

MARYLAND

Baltimore – Coppin State University
Princess Anne – University of Maryland,
Eastern Shore

MICHIGAN

Detroit – University of Detroit Mercy

MINNESOTA

St. Paul – University of St. Thomas

MISSISSIPPI

Holly Springs – Rust College
Itta Bena – Mississippi Valley State University
Jackson – Jackson State University
Lorman – Alcorn State University
University – University of Mississippi

MISSOURI

Jefferson City – Lincoln University
St. Louis – Harris-Stowe State College

MONTANA

Missoula – University of Montana

NEBRASKA

Kearney – University of Nebraska

NEVADA

Las Vegas – University of Nevada

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque – University of New Mexico
Las Vegas – Luna Community College
New Mexico Highlands University

NEW YORK

Brooklyn – Medgar Evers College
Buffalo – Canisius College
Jamaica – York College
Rochester – Monroe Community College

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte – Johnson C. Smith University
Durham – North Carolina Central University
Fayetteville – Fayetteville State University
Greensboro – North Carolina A&T State
University
Raleigh – Saint Augustine’s College
Winston-Salem – Winston Salem State
University

NORTH DAKOTA

Belcourt – Turtle Mountain Community
College

OHIO

Cleveland – Case Western Reserve University
Columbus – Ohio State University
Toledo – University of Toledo
Youngstown – Youngstown State University

OKLAHOMA

Tahlequah – Northeastern State University

OREGON

Portland – Portland State University

SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia – Benedict College
Denmark – Voorhees College

SOUTH DAKOTA

Vermillion – University of South Dakota

TENNESSEE

Clarksville – Austin Peay State University
Nashville – Tennessee State University

TEXAS

Corpus Christi – Texas A&M University
Stephenville – Tarleton State University

UTAH

Lake City – University of Utah

VIRGINIA

Norfolk – Old Dominion University
Virginia Beach – Old Dominion University

WEST VIRGINIA

Institute – West Virginia State University
Morgantown – West Virginia University

WISCONSIN

Eau Claire – University of Wisconsin
La Crosse – University of Wisconsin