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Mr. Mark Cate
Chief of Staff, Governor's Office
State Capitol, 1st Floor
Nashville. TN 37243

Dear Mr. Cate:

I am writing in support of the Tennessee Campus Compact's proposal for funding from the State of Tennessee as submitted by Dr. Mani Hull. The resources and work of the TNCC is invaluable to the Bonner Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement at Carson-Newman College, of which I am the director.

In part, through the resources available via the TNCC, Carson-Newman has been able to build strong programs of community service and service learning. TNCC has provided AmeriCorps VISTA resources that have been instrumental in the work of the Bonner Center and our ability to pursue and obtain awards such as the 2012 Presidential Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Such awards increase the profile of Tennessee, its colleges and universities, and attracts high performing students to our fine state.

Through the support of the resources of TNCC, we are able to train our faculty in the highest quality service learning pedagogy. Offering such high quality teaching practices increases retention and promotion, and makes for attractive higher education programs that help keep our best and brightest in Tennessee.

Finally, the programs of TNCC provide overall support and networking for mobilizing student and campus resources into the community to help Tennesseans address the challenges in our communities. Teaching students how to serve and connecting them with the community is instrumental in developing the next generation of leaders who will go out and be active citizens in their local communities as well as the state and national governments.

Thank you for your time. I hope that the far reaching benefits of TNCC will compel Governor Haslam's administration and the state legislature to support funding for this important state level resource.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nicole Saylor
Director, Bonner Center for Service Learning
and Civic Engagement