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July 25, 2008

The Honorable Christopher Shays
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chris:

I am writing to commend you for introducing the Roosevelt Scholars Act of 2008. I share your concerns about the recruitment of outstanding graduates to careers in government service, especially in light of the impending retirement of large numbers of federal employees. I hope that Congress will move quickly to enact and fund H.R. 6160.

The scholarship program would be useful in encouraging students to pursue government careers. There are several examples of federal scholarships that have been successful, including the Reserve Officer Training Corps and, in the civilian sector, the National Health Service Corps. You are right to build on those models.

The Roosevelt Scholars Act of 2008 addresses another important issue. There is a deep interest in public service among students studying law, management, science and engineering, as well as other fields. The pathway to a government career, however, is frequently unclear to students. The mentoring and internships proposed in H.R. 6160 would help to guide students who are leaning toward public service.

I hope the debate on your bill will prompt additional efforts to make government employment more attractive. That is, it may also be helpful for the Executive branch to reexamine its policies. Would streamlined hiring practices be more nimble and effective in landing candidates who may have offers from the private sector? Would entry-level positions be more appealing if offered broad responsibilities and rapid promotion to recent graduates who demonstrate their abilities in the workplace? These are changes that would complement the programs proposed in H.R. 6160.

It is my pleasure to support the Roosevelt Scholars Act of 2008.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,



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The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
U.S. House of Representatives
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