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Dear Washington Service Corps and Reading Corps members:

Greetings from the Washington Service Corps! I have heard from many of you about the challenges of living in Washington state on our current stipend levels. We have surveyed you, talked to your site staff and analyzed the cost of living in our state. Ultimately, we agreed, and after a great deal of work we were able to secure additional investments from our partner sites and our host agency, the Employment Security Department. This allows us to enhance next year's member stipends to \$1,450 per month. This will be our baseline stipend for both Washington Service Corps and Washington Reading Corps; partner sites also have the option of enhancing stipends even further to match state minimum wage.

We are also excited to share with you our new graphic identities, as seen in the header of this letter. The Washington Service Corps has been in existence for over three decades, and the colors, fonts and general identity needed a refresh. Our agency's designers created the new look with input from staff and students from Evergreen State College in Olympia. The new identities are designed to be crisp and clear while evoking both the Washington state seal and AmeriCorps.

If this is your first year of service, we hope you will consider serving another year or help us recruit your replacement. We need more outstanding members like you serving our community!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of my team.

In Service,

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