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Community Service Society Commends Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) for Introducing Bill to Improve Conditions for Nation's Disconnected Youth

"It is essential that we invest time, money and political will to prepare the nation's youth for tomorrow's workforce," said David R. Jones, president and CEO of the Community Service Society of New York. "I want to commend and thank Representative Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) for reintroducing the Transportation Job Corps Act, of 2009, H.R. 2497. The legislation is a carryover from a similar bill introduced in the 110th Congress. The bill will provide a much needed stimulus to put people back to work and create careers for America's disconnected youth, young people between the ages of 18 and 24, who are out of school and out of work."

H.R. 2497 will be folded into the comprehensive Transportation Reauthorization bill for 2009. "The Transportation Job Corps bill is also vital to towns and cities across the nation, because it addresses an aging infrastructure that can no longer withstand the demands of today's commerce, industry or general population. Though introduced as stand-alone legislation, H.R. 2497 might be folded into the comprehensive SAFE-TEA reauthorization this year."

"For more than two years, the Community Service Society of New York, has focused a great deal of our resources to address the nation's nearly six million disconnected youth, as part of our Working for Change, monthly Capitol Hill briefings in Washington, D.C." The purpose of the Working for Change forums is to advance an economic mobility agenda for low wage workers in urban America. "Two of our primary goals were to address issues surrounding low wage workers and disconnected youth. While there remains a great deal of work to be done, this bill is proof that America is moving in the right direction on economic mobility for the country's low wage workers and disconnected youth."

Read press release:

http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/ny08_nadler/TranJobCorpsAct051909.html

For 160 years, the Community Service Society of New York has been the leading voice on behalf of low-income New Yorkers and continues to advocate for the economic security of the working poor in the nation's largest city.