

Email from House Committee on Environment Chair Amy Sheldon 2/28/2025

Dear Chair Scheu,

House Environment would like to clarify that we support level funding for the Serve Learn Earn (SLE) program at \$2 million and not the \$500,000 that our letter mentioned. We learned after sending the letter that SLE has been getting about \$2million from the state over the past five years which leverages an additional \$8 million in private donations.

The governor's recommend included \$500,000 in base funding. SLE requested both increased funding and an increase in the amount coming from base and not one time money.

We recommend increasing base funding for SLE to \$1 million and including an additional \$1 million in one time money.

The Environment Committee is compelled by the multiple benefits the program provides to Vermont, including workforce development for construction and conservation, trail maintenance in State Parks and on other lands, building maintenance in State Parks, and working with private landowners on sustainable forest management plan implementation.

Thank you for allowing us to amend our letter and do let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rep Amy Sheldon
Chair Environment