**Letter to the Editor**

The [name of afterschool program] is making a tremendous different in our community, and I am outraged that Congress is proposing eliminating the 21st Century program.

Our program at [location] makes a difference every day because PICK ONE:

it is giving our children the chance to [describe the most interesting or innovative activity you provide at your program] \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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it has helped [describe (protecting privacy) a student who has particularly benefited]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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it has helped children in our community with [describe a challenge in your community that your program has helped overcome or improve (gang violence, teen pregnancy, struggling schools]\_\_

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it prepares our students for [describe your college or career readiness activities]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Afterschool programs ensure kids in our community are safe and learning even after school ends. We help working parents keep their jobs. Congress must keep funding 21st Century Community Learning Centers so our children and 60,000 others in New York can continue going to afterschool!

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