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To the Editor:

One of the most important keys to Puerto Rico's economic recovery is the Ramey Job Corps Academy, which partners with our local leaders, community groups and businesses to help young people overcome their challenges and become hard-working, taxpaying members of our community.

Here in the Courtyard By Marriott Aguadilla Hotel & Casino, we offer Job Corps an institution where the students can make their practices in many of the areas that will want to become professionals. As the hotel's General Manager, I have experimented great experiences with professionals who emerged from Job Corps. A recent one was in a fine dinning restaurant by Cabo Rojo P.R. There, I tasted one of the best meals of my life, and when I asked the chef where he learned, he told me that he came from Job Corps, Aguadilla. That made me really proud.

Ramey Job Corps is one of 125 centers across the country that serve about 60,000 students each year. Approximately 86% of graduates go on to find and keep jobs, pursue higher education or enlist in the military.

Fortunately, our elected officials recognize the important role Job Corps plays.

I appreciate the support of Puerto Rico's Resident Commissioner / Congressman and hope he will continue to work hard to ensure an investment in Job Corps, which helps our young people, boosts our local economy and supports private-sector jobs.

Job Corps works in Puerto Rico.

Sincerely,

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