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AmeriCorps Members Declined to Engage in Political Activities for Grantee

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CNCS-OIG completed its investigation into Hotline allegations that AmeriCorps members assigned to the Martha O'Bryan Center (MOBC), Nashville, TN, a sub-grantee of the Volunteer Tennessee (Commission), Nashville, TN, may have engaged in prohibited activities when MOBC senior management sent an email to the MOBC staff and volunteers (including AmeriCorps members), that encouraged them to participate in a political campaign for a local school board election.

CNCS-OIG investigators interviewed members who confirmed they received the e-mail encouraging them to campaign for select school board candidates; however, they declined the offer and did not participate in any political campaigning. There was no evidence that members engaged in prohibited activity.

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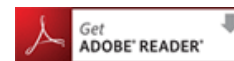
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