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James Scott: Trump's budget would be bad deal for Providence

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The Providence Journal's March 29 news story "Hit on the needy" illustrates the damage the proposed Trump budget would inflict on Providence and America's inner cities. The president promised on the campaign trail to fix our inner cities, but he is not off to a good start. Potentially cutting successful programs such as AmeriCorps and Community Development Block Grants would deprive Providence of talent and resources. These cuts will increase urban blight and lower academic achievement.

President Trump pledged solidarity with American cities in his inaugural speech: "We are one nation, and their pain is our pain. Their dreams are our dreams, and their success will be our success." Mr. Trump can best preserve these dreams and cultivate success in our cities by preserving effective programs. To sacrifice long-term investment in urban renewal and education for short-term austerity is a bad deal for Providence.

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