

April 16, 2010

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Chairman Miller:

The undersigned organizations write to express our strong support for the Local Jobs for America Act (HR 4812), which would create a million public and private jobs in local communities. We applaud Congressman Miller for the introduction of this critical legislation.

Since the recession began in December 2007, the economy has lost over 8 million jobs, including many providing critical services in communities across the country. The current crisis of unemployment is devastating families all across America. February's unemployment report revealed an overall jobless rate of 9.7 percent; among African-Americans the jobless rate was a staggering 15.8 percent, among Latinos, 12.4 percent, among women who head families, 11.6%, and among youth, 25 percent.

We need bold Congressional action in order to put Americans back to work and prevent more layoffs and cuts in crucial services. The Local Jobs for America Act will not only provide employment for hundreds of thousands of jobless workers, it will create and save jobs for workers who are providing services that our communities badly need.

The Local Jobs for America Act provides \$100 billion over two years to create or save 750,000 jobs providing local services, and to save 250,000 education jobs. The funding will also keep 5,500 law enforcement officers on the beat, allow localities to hire additional firefighters, and provide on-the-job training slots to help local businesses create employment opportunities. These jobs in turn will put money in the pockets of families, spurring demand in the economy and creating additional private-sector jobs and tax revenues.

Projections of a slow recovery in the labor market underscore the urgent need to create jobs now. Job-creation must precede short-term deficit reduction as lost tax revenue from joblessness is significantly exacerbating our nation's fiscal problems. As local and national organizations who are witnessing firsthand the current crisis of unemployment and the increased need for services in the face of deep budget cuts, we believe that a bold response cannot wait.

We support quick passage of the Local Jobs for America Act to immediately put Americans back to work, in addition to meeting pressing needs in our communities.

Respectfully,

9to5 National Association of Working Women
Action for Boston Community Development, Inc.
Adrian Dominican Sisters
African American Ministers in Action
Alaska Center for Public Policy
Alaska Works Partnerships
Alexandria Economic Opportunity Commission
Alliance for Children and Families

Alliance for Disabled in Action
Alliance to Develop Power, Massachusetts
American Association of University Women
American Community Partnership
American Federation of Government Employees
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
American Federation of Teachers
American Friends Service Committee
American Rights at Work
Americans for Democratic Action, Inc
American's Friends Service
America's Promise Alliance
AMOS Project
ARC Group Homes, Inc.
Arc of Hilo
ARISE CHICAGO
Arizona Advocacy Network
Arkansas Interfaith Alliance
Arkansas Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice
Asian American Justice Center
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs
Augustinians, Province of St. Thomas of Villanova
Brooklyn AIDS Task Force
California Church IMPACT
California Partnership
California Resources and Training
Campaign for America's Future
Campaign for Community Change
Casa de Maryland
Center for Law and Social Policy
Center Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice
Change to Win
Chicago Jobs Council
Chicago Political Economy Group
Chicago Worker's Collaborative
Chicago's Coalition for the Homeless
Children's Alliance
Children's Network of Solano County
Choanoke Area Development Association of NC, Inc.
Cincinnati Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice
Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center
Cities for Progress, Institute for Policy Studies
CitiWide Harm Reduction
Citizen Action of New York
Citizen Action of Wisconsin

Citizen Action/Illinois
Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)
Coalition of Labor Union Women
Coalition on Human Needs
Collaborative Center for Justice
Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute, a project of the Colorado Center on Law and Policy
Colorado Progressive Action
Colorado Progressive Coalition
Committee of Interns and Residents/Service Employees International Union
Common Cause NY
Community Action Partnership
Community Concepts, Inc.
Community Organizations in Action
Community Voices Heard
Connecticut Association for Human Services
Connecticut Citizen Action Group
Contact Center
Council of New Jersey State College Locals, AFT/AFL-CIO
CWA District 1
CWA Local 1081
DC Employment Justice Center
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.
Demos
Dignity Housing
Direct Action Welfare Group, Inc.
Direct Care Alliance
Disability Navigators, Inc.
Dominican Sisters
Dress for Success Hudson County
Drum Major Institute for Public Policy
Economic Opportunity Institute
Economic Policy Institute
Empire State Coalition of Youth and Family Services
Enterprise Community Partners
First Focus
Florida Consumer Action Network
Food Research and Action Center
Franciscan Action Network
Georgia Chapter African American Lutheran Association
Georgia Rural Urban Summit
Good Work
Got Green
Granite State Organizing Project
Grass Roots Organizing

Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition
Green for All
Gulf Area Training Enterprises, LLC
Half in Ten
Health Professionals and Allied Employees, AFT/AFL-CIO
HOPES CAP, Inc.
Howard Area Employment Resource Center (HACC)
Human Services Coalition of Oregon
Hunger Action Network of NYS
Idaho Community Action Network
Idaho State AFL-CIO
Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition
Insight Center for Community Economic Development
Intercommunity Housing Association
Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice of South Central Wisconsin
Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice of San Diego County
Interfaith Council on Economics and Justice
Interfaith Worker Justice
Interfaith Worker Justice Committee of Colorado
Interfaith Worker Justice of East Tennessee
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Iowa Citizen Action Network
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
J. Mark Morgan Associates
Jesuit Social Research Institute, Loyola University New Orleans
JEVS Human Services
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Jewish Labor Committee
Jobs for Youth Chicago
Jobs with Justice
Kentucky Equal Justice Center
Keystone Progress
La Fe Policy Research and Education Center
Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
Local Economic and Employment Development Council
Lower East Side Family Union
Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center
Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative
Main Street Alliance
Maine Center for Economic Policy
Maine Children's Alliance
Maine People's Alliance
Maine's Women's Lobby
Massachusetts Communities Action Network
Miami Coalition for the Homeless

Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc.
Michigan Citizen Action
Michigan League for Human Services
Milton Child Care Center
Mindspring Coaching
Minnesota Citizens for Tax Justice
Minot Area Homeless Coalition
Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition
MomsRising
Mon Valley Unemployed Committee
Ms. Foundation for Women
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
National Association of State Directors of Special Education
National Community Reinvestment Coalition
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of La Raza
National Council of Negro Women
National Council of Women's Organizations
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Employment Lawyer's Association
National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce
National Immigrant Solidarity Network
National Jobs for All Coalition
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National Network of Sector Partners
National Organization for Women
National Partnership for Women and Families
National Priorities Project
National Skills Coalition
National Urban League
National WIC Association
National Women's Law Center
NC Justice Center
NDPeople.org
NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
New Hampshire Citizens Alliance for Action
New Jersey Association on Correction
New Jersey Citizen Action
New Jersey Tenants Organization
New Jersey's Working Families
New Labor
New Mexico Voices for Children
New Retiree
Next Step

NH AFL-CIO
NH American Friends Service Committee
NH Working Families Win
Nicetown CDC
North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition
North Dallas Chapter of the National Organization for Women
Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope
Northwest Federation of Community Organizations
Nutrition and Health Associates
NY State Stimulus Alliance
NYC AIDS Housing Network
Ocean State Action
Ohio Empowerment Coalition
One Stop Career Center of PR, Inc.
Open Door Ministry
Oregon Action
Organization of the NorthEast
Ounce of Prevention Fund
Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute
Parent Voices of Sonoma County
Parenting Life Skills Center
PathStone
Pathways PA
Pax Christi Northeast Florida
PennAction
People For the American Way
Perceptions for People with Disabilities Positive Health Project, Inc.
Policy Matters Ohio
PolicyLink
Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.
Progressive Furture On
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
Progressive Maryland
Progressive States Network
ProgressOhio
Project Community, Inc.
Public Justice Center
Racine Dominican Justice Outreach Office
Reflexology for Health
Restaurant Opportunites Center Los Angeles
Restaurant Opportunites Center of Maine
Restaurant Opportunites Center of New York
Restaurant Opportunities Center of Chicago
Restaurant Opportunities Center of Detroit
Restaurant Opportunities Center of Miami
Restaurant Opportunities Center of New Orleans

Restaurant Opportunities Center of Washington, DC
Restaurant Opportunities Centers United
RESULTS
SAG Talent Unions
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty and Law
SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center
Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley
Service Employees International Union
Simon Publications
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Western Province
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Justice Team
Sisters of St. Joseph of carondelet, St. Louis Province
South Carolina Fair Share
South Florida AFL-CIO
South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice
South Jersey Gray Panthers
Southern Echo, Inc.
Southwest Organizing Project in Albuquerque
St. Joseph Parish
St. Pius Youth
Stopping Woman Abuse Now
Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice
Syracuse United Neighbors
Tennessee Alliance for Progress
Tennessee Citizen Action
The Calumet Project
The Corps Network
The Employee Rights Advocacy Institute For Law and Policy
The Interfaith Council on Economics and Justice
The International Brotherhood of Teamsters
The National Association for State Community Services Programs
The National Partnership of Women & Families
The Opportunity Agenda
The Saint Joseph Valley Project of Northern Indiana
The United States Conference of Mayors
Tobacco Valley Food Pantry
Toledo Area Jobs with Justice Coalition and Interfaith Worker Justice
Tradeswomen Now and Tomorrow
U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce
United Action Connecticut
United Action for Idaho
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
United Food and Commercial Workers
United for a Fair Economy
United Neighborhood Centers of America
United Passaic Organization

United Progress, Inc.
United Steelworkers
United Way of Beaver County
Unites States Student Association
Urban League of Hudson County
USAction
V Dove-Coleman Foundation
Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corp.
Victoria Foundation
Virginia Organizing Project
Voces de la Frontera
Voices of Community Advocates and Leaders Bailey House, Inc.
Washington Community Action Network
Washington Office of Public Policy, Women's Division, UMC
West Virginia Citizen Action Group
Western North Carolina Worker's Center
Wider Opportunities for Women
Women at Work
Women Employed
Women of Reform Judaism
Women's Law Project
Women's Research and Education Institute
Woodstock Institute
Workers Interfaith Network
Workers' Rights Center in Madison, Wisconsin
Working America
Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless City
YouthBuild USA
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago
YWCA NorthEastern NY