

May 11, 2011

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

We are writing in support of HR 1745 (Camp), the JOBS Act of 2011. This proposal contains measures to encourage job creation, improve state unemployment trust fund solvency, and enable unemployment agencies to focus on integrity of the UI program and reemployment of unemployed workers. The provisions of this bill that are particularly positive steps include:

- 1. Distributing \$31 billion in funds to state unemployment benefit accounts that may be used to pay unemployment compensation, repay the principal and interest on loans to states to pay unemployment compensation, or to provide assistance to unemployed workers in searching for and finding work.**
- 2. Permitting the Federal Unemployment Tax Act 0.2% surtax to sunset on June 30, 2011, reducing the FUTA tax rate to 6.0% from 6.2%.**
- 3. Codifying the basic requirement of the Unemployment Insurance program that individuals must be able to work, available for work and actively seeking work as a condition of being paid unemployment compensation.**
- 4. Providing flexibility to states to improve the unemployment insurance program in a way that matches the unique needs of unemployed workers and employers on a state by state basis.**

We believe that the JOBS Act of 2011 will reduce the costs of unemployment, enable employers to create jobs, and provide integrity savings to reduce the federal deficit.

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