

# ***LABOR READY.***

*Dependable Temporary Labor.*

June 11, 2004

The Honorable William Thomas  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thomas:

As your committee and the House proceed with consideration of H.R. 4520, the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, I would like to express my thanks and support for including an extension of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) in this important piece of legislation.

As you well know, this tax credit expired on December 31, 2003. The WOTC is designed to help job seekers most in need of employment gain on-the-job experience and move toward economic self-sufficiency. This tax incentive is aimed at helping American workers and increasing productivity and economic growth.

Labor Ready is a firm at the forefront of assisting the very people targeted by this provision to find jobs. In 2003, Labor Ready put over 600,000 people to work through our more than 700 offices in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. We find jobs for some of the hardest to employ people and the Work Opportunity Tax Credit helps us to reach out and employ more of those workers.

Labor Ready salutes you for extending this expired provision in H.R. 4520 and urges all the members of the House of Representatives to quickly pass this legislation extending the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.

Sincerely,



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