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**Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg Comments on
April Job Creation Numbers from U.S. Department of Labor**

“Today’s announcement from the Department of Labor that 138,000 new jobs were created nationwide in April is good news for everyone in New Hampshire and across the country. Because more Americans are working than ever before, and are taking home more of their salary, month after month our economy continues to grow.

“New Hampshire has once again proven itself to be an ideal place to own or start a business, as well as live and work. Our state saw a job growth of 1,100 jobs in March, exceeding our neighboring states, and since March 2005, our state has gained 9,400 new jobs. New Hampshire’s unemployment rate of 3.4% is a strong sign that our state’s economy continues to grow, and I will continue to support policies that will keep creating jobs so all Americans have the opportunity to share in the American dream.”

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