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The Honorable George Miller Chairman, U.S. House Education and Labor Committee 2181 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Miller:

I write to commend you for your leadership in crafting and introducing the "Local Jobs for America Act." This bill will provide critical support to teachers, public safety workers, and much needed assistance to states, cities, and towns as we work to provide jobs and services for Americans grappling with the effects of the economic downturn.

Federal, state, and local governments must continue to be vigilant in ensuring that Americans who have been hurt by the economic downturn continue to receive the support that they need and deserve. Please count me as a partner as we all work to place the country firmly on the path toward economic recovery.

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