

Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords knows that our economy isn't working until it's working for all of us.



Southern Arizona Leaders Encourage Congresswoman Giffords to Support American Reinvestment and Recovery Act

Dear Congresswoman Giffords:

"The economic stimulus legislation will help us create jobs for working families and fund critical investments in our future. Local 'shovel-ready' projects will provide both a short-term economic boost during the construction and the long-term benefit to our local economy."

— Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup

"The economic issues in rural Arizona are the same as we see on the national level. The stimulus will be an important piece of our overall economic recovery."

— Sierra Vista Mayor Bob Strain

"This package will definitely help us continue to move in the right direction...Many of our capital improvement plans will ultimately save our district and the taxpayers a lot of money due to significant energy savings contained in the completion of these projects."

— Elizabeth Celania-Fagen, Superintendent of the Tucson Unified School District

Congresswoman Giffords and Mayor Bob Walkup discuss Southern Arizona's food shortage at the Community Food Bank in Tucson.

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Contact Information for Local Resources

Arizona Department of Economic Security (800) 352-8401
www.azdes.gov - Apply for services that promote the safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency of children, adults, and families, including food stamps, child-care subsidies and cash assistance.

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (800) 654-8713
www.azahcccs.gov/site/ - Medicaid program provides low- or no-cost medical benefits to children, families, adults and people with disabilities.

Cochise County One Stop Career Center (520) 458-9309
www.cpic-cas.org/ccworkforce/OneStopSite/index2.htm - Provides services and resources for adults seeking employment in Cochise County.

Community Food Bank..... (520) 622-0525
www.communityfoodbank.com - Provides food to meet the needs of Pima County residents.

Military One Source..... (800) 342-9647
www.militaryonesource.com - A 24/7 resource for military members, spouses and families.

Mortgage/Housing Counselors..... (877) 448-1211
Arizona Department of Housing connection to local housing counselors.

Pima County ONESTOP (520) 243-6700
www.pima.gov/CED/CS/OneStop/index.html - Provides services and resources for adults seeking employment in Pima County.

Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc ... (520) 623-9461, (800) 248-6789
www.sazlegalaid.org - Provides a variety of free, civil legal services to qualified low-income persons.

Unemployment Ins. ... (520) 791-2722 Tucson, (877) 600-2722 outside Tucson
Provides benefits to workers.

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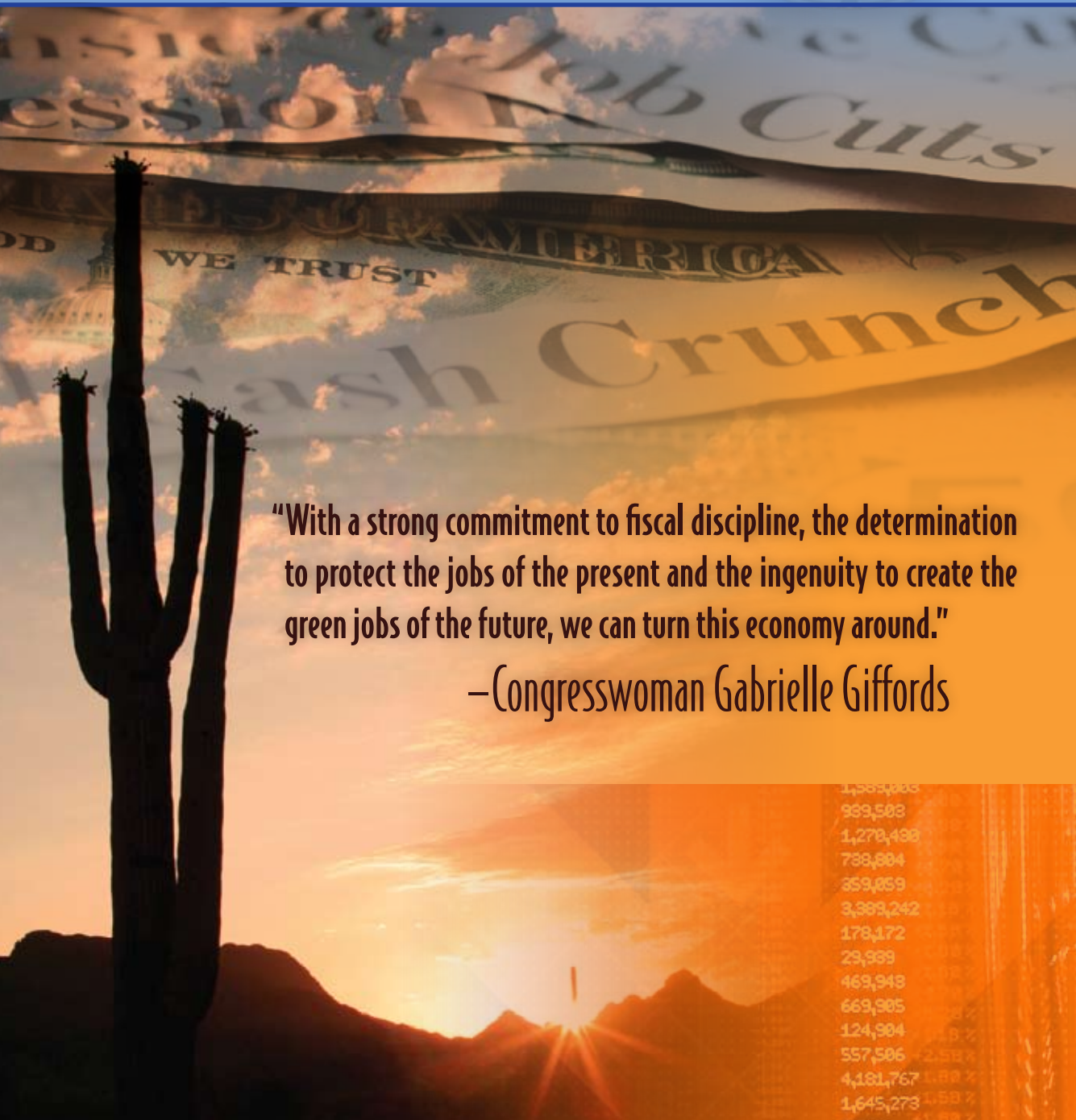
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Report on the

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act



"With a strong commitment to fiscal discipline, the determination to protect the jobs of the present and the ingenuity to create the green jobs of the future, we can turn this economy around."

—Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords knows that we need to make serious investments to get our economy moving again and that doing so in a fiscally responsible way is the key to our long-term success.



Arizona is currently facing the largest budget crisis in its history. Unemployment and foreclosures are up – credit markets are frozen. Every day the economic news gets worse and it is clear that bold action is needed.

I believe we must ensure transparency and fiscal responsibility as we provide financial relief to individuals and invest federal funds in our communities.

I have pressured and will continue to pressure Congressional leadership to:

- Track in detail how stimulus funds are spent by state, county and municipal entities, with project visibility from start to finish and compliance reporting, while placing as little burden as possible on the recipients;
- Report the resulting economic impacts down to the local level so the effectiveness of funding can be measured and future funding can be allocated with maximum impact; and
- Provide qualified businesses across the United States a simple method to access federally funded stimulus projects as soon as they are let out for bid, at no cost to businesses.

Taxpayers need to know their hard-earned money is being put to good use.

Putting the country back on the path of fiscal responsibility will mean tough choices and difficult trade-offs for the long-term health of our economy.

For a summary and complete bill text of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, please visit the “Economic Recovery” section of Congresswoman Giffords’ Web site at www.giffords.house.gov. Track this legislation at www.recovery.gov.

“I support tax cuts to make work pay and create jobs.”

We will provide direct tax relief to 95% of American workers and spur investment and job growth for American businesses.

Tax Relief for American Families

- The Make Work Pay Tax Cut provides immediate and sustained **tax relief to 95% of American workers**, with a refundable tax credit of \$400 per worker and \$800 per couple, phasing-out at \$150,000 for a couple.
- Temporarily expands the number of families who can access the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- Helps more than **4 million additional students attend college** with a new, partially refundable \$2,500 tax credit for families in 2009 and 2010.

Tax Breaks for Homeowners

- Modifies the refundable **first-time home buyer credit of up to \$8,000** by eliminating the repayment obligation for purchases in 2009.
- Extends through 2010 and expands to 30% the **tax credit for energy efficient investments** in homes such as furnaces, energy-efficient windows and doors, or insulation.

Business Tax Incentives to Create Jobs and Spur Investment

- **Extends a 50% bonus depreciation allowance** for 1 year.
- Allows for a five-year “carryback” of net operating losses to offset income.
- **Cuts capital gains tax** for small business investors.
- Extends increased small business expensing.
- **Adds tax credits** for hiring recently discharged unemployed veterans and youth.

Reinvigorating the Market for State and Local Government Bonds

- Will get local projects moving, and provides **tax credit and exempt bonds** to areas hurt by the recession.



Congresswoman Giffords listens to a constituent's concerns about the economy at a Congress on Your Corner event in Tucson.

I want to hear from you!

Please fill out this questionnaire and mail it back to my office. Your feedback is important to me.

Which of the tax cuts that I voted for in the recovery package do you also support?

- Expanding the number of **families** who can access the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- Providing an immediate tax cut for **middle-class families**.
- Increasing tax credit for **college students**.
- Extending tax credits for renewable energy and **energy efficient investments**.
- Cutting taxes for **small businesses**.

Additional comments:

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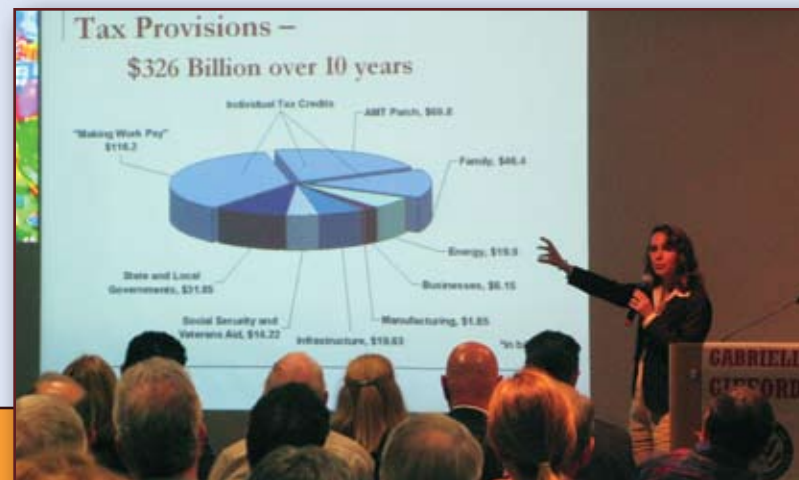
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Congresswoman Giffords hosts Economic Forums Throughout State

Congresswoman Giffords explains how Southern Arizona can get its fair share of funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.



In January representatives from state, county and municipal governments joined Congresswoman Giffords for a forum to discuss ways to stimulate our economy. Congresswoman Giffords provided an overview of the proposed legislation, including possible provisions for the federal government to fund local infrastructure projects and solicited feedback on the bill.

After the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was signed into law, Congresswoman Giffords held five forums throughout Arizona for over 800 people in February to highlight various components of the legislation as it related to science, technology and renewable energy; investments in business and infrastructure; and assistance to states for education, health and human services.

To watch Congresswoman Giffords’ presentations, please visit the “Economic Recovery” section of her Web site at www.giffords.house.gov.