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Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick Michigan's 13th Congressional District

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT





WAYS THE BILL CREATES AND PROTECTS JOBS IN MICHIGAN

AUTO INDUSTRY

The bill provides \$4 billion for the research, development, and manufacturing of advanced battery technologies for the auto industry.

EDUCATION AND OTHER SERVICES

The package creates a State Fiscal Stabilization Fund of \$1.6 billion to help state and local governments fund education and other critical services and avoid layoffs.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The plan includes \$1.1 billion to repair, replace, and rehabilitate roads, bridges, sewers, and water systems. Every billion dollars invested in infrastructure results in 35,000 jobs created.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The recovery package provides \$67.3 million to fight crime and hire police officers in our communities.

What the Law Does for Michigan's Cities and Counties

Creates and Saves Jobs 109.000 Jobs

The plan creates and saves 109,000 jobs in Michigan, 6,200 of which will funds job training programs and be in the 13th Congressional District. employment services for dislocated

Improves Unemployment Benefits

1,039,762 Michiganders

The bill provides federal funding for a \$25/week increase in unemployment benefits and extends the deadline to qualify for the **Emergency Unemployment** Compensation extension through December 31.

Increases Food Stamps 1,315,000 Michiganders

Food stamps are one of the most effective forms of economic stimulus; \$1 in food stamps generates \$1.84 in economic activity. The law funds an increase to maximum food stamp benefits to assist struggling families.

Protects Health Coverage

\$2.2 Billion

The bill temporarily increases the Federal Medical

Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for the Medicaid program to protect health care for Michigan's families.

Provides Job Training \$196 Million

The Workforce Investment Act workers, youth, and adults.

Subsidizes Child Care \$58.6 Million

The law helps fund child care for lowincome working families and those in which parents are engaged in education or training programs.



Provides Emergency Shelter \$53.8 Million

The Emergency Shelter Grant program, administered by HUD, provides formula grants to state and local governments for homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, and street outreach.

Makes College More Affordable 250.646 Michigan Students

The plan increases the maximum Pell Grant by \$500, for a maximum of \$5,350 in 2009 and \$5,550 in 2010, for 250,646 recipients in Michigan.

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TAX CUTS TO MAKE WORK PAY AND CREATE JOBS

More than 35% of the package will provide direct tax relief to about 95% of American workers and spur investment and job growth for American businesses. About 3.9 million Michigan families will receive a Making Work Pay Tax Credit.



How the Law's Tax Credits Help Michigan Families Right Now

Making Work Pay Tax Credit

The bill provides a tax credit of up to \$400 to individuals and \$800 for working families. To get this benefit: Change your deduction on your W-2 form or claim the credit on your income tax return.

Economic Recovery Payment to Veterans and Social Security, SSI, and Railroad Retirement Recipients

Veterans with disabilities and Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Railroad Retirement recipients will receive a one-time payment of up to \$250. This

represents a reduction to any allowable Making Work Pay credit. The amount of the check will be determined by the appropriate agency from which benefits are received. *To get this* benefit: If you already



receive Social Security, Railroad Retirement, or Veteran's benefits, you will automatically receive a check from one of these agencies.

Higher Education Tax Credit

The bill increases the higher education tax credit to a maximum of \$2,500 for 121,000 students in Michigan. *To get this benefit: File an income tax return.*

Child Tax Credit

Some families will be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to \$1,000 per child (under 17) to offset the cost of raising children. *To get this benefit: File an income tax return.*

Earned Income Tax Credit

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) increases from 40% to 45%. Working families with three or more children can get a larger tax credit when they file their incomes and possibly receive a larger refund. *To get this benefit: File an income tax return.*

Tax Free Unemployment Benefits

The plan provides no taxes on some unemployment benefits. The first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits are not subject to federal income taxes. *To get this benefit: File an income tax return.*

Tax Credit for COBRA

The law provides a 65% subsidy for the continuation of health care for workers who have been involuntarily terminated and their families. It also continues coverage for small businesses, if required by states. *To get this benefit: File an income tax return.*

Refundable First-Time Home Buyer Credit

The law includes a one-time \$8,000 tax credit for individuals or families who are first time home buyers. *To get this benefit: File an income tax return.*

Sales Tax Deduction for Vehicle Purchases

Taxpayers who purchase new cars, light trucks, recreational vehicles, and motorcycles through the end of 2009 will receive a deduction for state and local sales and excise taxes paid on their purchase. *To get this benefit: File an income tax return.*



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