



American families are confronting the most serious economic crisis in 60 years. Almost 250,000 Minnesotans are among the more than 4 million Americans who have lost their jobs since December 2007. The Great Depression of the 1930s taught us that under such dire economic conditions, the federal government must act quickly and boldly to put America back to work and modernize the economy.

In response to the economic crisis, my colleagues and I in the House of Representatives swiftly passed the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (H.R. 1). President Obama signed H.R. 1 into law on February 17, 2009, just four weeks after being sworn into office. This historic and much needed recovery package invests an unprecedented \$787 billion to: create and save 3.5 million American jobs; provide immediate tax relief to 95 percent of American workers; modernize America's roads, bridges, and waterways; and restore science and technology as the key to America's global competitive edge.

Recently, East Metro leaders came together to establish a cooperative process through which we can address the critical needs of our communities and help families living in Ramsey, Washington and Dakota Counties. As this group works to maximize opportunities presented by the Recovery Act, I will highlight their efforts and the projects taking place in our area.

This website will provide an easy-to-use resource to learn about the various programs of the historic American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as it is implemented. Please feel free to contact Melissa Jamrock in my office at 651-224-9191 or [melissa.jamrock@mail.house.gov](mailto:melissa.jamrock@mail.house.gov) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Best Regards,

