

On Thursday, November 17, I shared the words of my constituents on the House Floor. Constituents had submitted their thoughts on job creation through Facebook, Twitter and my website, and I compiled those words into a speech to share with my colleagues in Congress.

Below is a video of my speech and a transcript with citations for those who wrote in. Thank you all for your participation!

If you have more that you would like to share with me, or questions about how I can help you, please do not hesitate to contact my office and my staff and I will be happy to help in any way that we can.

### **Floor Speech: Americans Speak for Jobs**

**November 17, 2011**

Thank you Mr. Speaker and good morning,

In the past few days, many Americans have contacted me through Facebook and Twitter with their thoughts and their message was very clear- they want jobs, and they want them now. On behalf of these Americans, I urge the leaders of this House to respond by passing major legislation that will create high paying American jobs.

They write to me:

[Theodore Forsyth] I hope you mean living wage jobs that are meaningful, filled with dignity and generated locally.

[Bob Wheeler] Job creation begins at home. Close the loopholes that send jobs overseas and make it tougher to bring the profits and products back here.

[Lisa Sarinelli] An additional suggestion would be to fund a Works Program Administration modeled after the first one that was implemented by FDR. [Theresa Moraca Brockman] A new deal for the new millennium.

We need to stop the manufacturing drain going out of the country, revisit the WPA to jump start the economy, and fix our aging infrastructure.

Heck, we need someone to clean weeds out of sidewalks. [Bill Des Jardin] We need an energy policy and concrete plans to accelerate the use of renewables. Too much of our fuel costs end up in our trade imbalance.

These are the words from my constituents, I'm glad to share with you, as we work very hard to get Americans back to work at meaningful jobs.