



Dear Friends,

Over the last 30 years, millionaires and billionaires have enjoyed unimaginable prosperity while middle- and low-income Americans are earning less and less. And yet, Republican policies will keep this unfair system in place at a time when Americans can least afford it.



*Rep. Nadler goes on MSNBC to argue that millionaires and big corporations should pay at least as much in taxes as struggling middle-class Americans. [Watch the video.](#)*

Through draconian cuts, Republican policies are forcing teachers, police, and firefighters to lose their jobs. By failing to make investments to repair our schools, roads, and bridges, they are limiting our ability to grow our way out of this recession and to build the infrastructure needed to support a 21st century economy. In the midst of this terrible economy we need to do everything we can to put Americans back to work. At the same time, we need to make the tax system fairer by making sure that millionaires and big corporations don't continue to pay lower tax rates than struggling middle class families.

President Obama's *American Jobs Act* would be an important step in this process. It would put Americans to work modernizing 35,000 public schools, provide incentives for businesses to hire veterans and those without jobs, and invest \$50 billion to jumpstart critical highway, transit, rail, and aviation construction. With 68,842 structurally deficient bridges across the country,<sup>1</sup> and over 90,000 miles of crumbling roads,<sup>2</sup> the President's jobs plan will put Americans to work right away on the infrastructure we need to stay competitive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. These investments will create high-paying, high-quality jobs, putting more money in the pockets of working Americans and creating more customers for American businesses.

The President's plan also provides critical aid to states in order to keep 280,000 teachers in the classroom and thousands more police and fire fighters on the street keeping our communities safe. All told, the plan could put 1.9 million Americans back to work, according to independent economist Mark Zandi.<sup>3</sup> To pay for these desperately needed investments, the President has proposed ending tax giveaways to private jet owners and big corporations, while asking the richest Americans to pay their fare share of the tax burden. These common sense proposals are sorely needed and should enjoy bipartisan support.

Unfortunately, Republicans are obstructing the President's job plan, choosing instead to double-down on the tax warfare they have been waging for decades against middle class and working families. While they play politics with our nation's future, Americans continue to suffer from high unemployment and declining wages. The time has come to break the log jam they have created.

Let's finally restore fairness to the equation. Let's put America back to work. Let's pass this bill.

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## Remembering 9/11



*Rep. Nadler plants a tree to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11. He is joined in this act of remembrance by Democratic Leader Pelosi, Representatives Engel, Rothman, Grimm, and Kelly, and by the Architect of the Capitol, Stephen Ayers.*

On the tenth anniversary of 9/11, Americans took time to reflect on an event that has changed our world. As a part of this remembrance, I led Members of Congress in planting a memorial tree at the U.S. Capitol to serve as a living tribute to the heroism and sacrifice of that terrible day. The memorial tree is a swamp white oak, over 400 of which were recently planted on the plaza of the National September 11 Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center. It is fast-growing and has a lifespan of up to 350 years. Planted with a dramatic view of the U.S. Capitol, the tree will serve as a poignant symbol of the resiliency of our values and of the American spirit. We will very truly never forget.

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Sincerely,

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