

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

December 2, 2014

The Honorable Thomas Perez  
Secretary of Labor  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Secretary Perez:

We are writing in strong support of the Atlantic City Re-Employment Initiative, a National Emergency Grant (NEG) proposal filed by the State of New Jersey on behalf of workers affected by the closures of the Revel, Showboat, and Trump Plaza casinos in Atlantic City.

The announcement this summer that three large casinos would close their doors dealt a devastating blow to more than 6,500 hardworking New Jerseyans. This combined with the closure of the Atlantic Club earlier this year, and the potential for more worker displacement as other casinos and connected businesses threaten mass layoffs, jeopardizes the economy of the entire Atlantic County region.

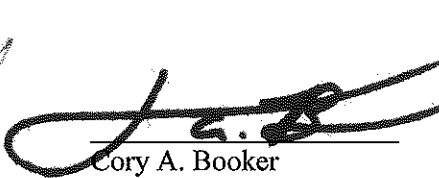
We are confident that the proposal from the State of New Jersey meets the objectives of the NEG program. This assistance will provide vital assistance for employer-driven training programs and help affected workers learn new skills that are in demand. We strongly support the plan put forward by the New Jersey Division of Labor and Workforce Development and are confident that, in coordination with the local workforce investment board, this funding will be utilized to increase occupational skills and reemploy these workers.

We urge your urgent and expedited attention to this proposal, as thousands of New Jersey families are in need. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Frank LoBiondo  
Member of Congress



Cory A. Booker  
United States Senator

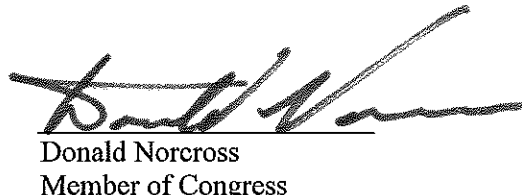


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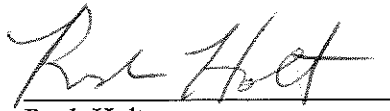


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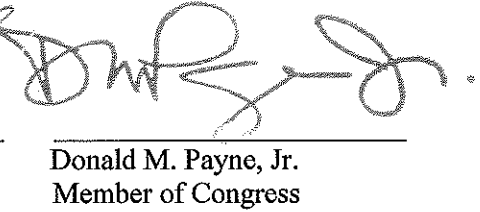
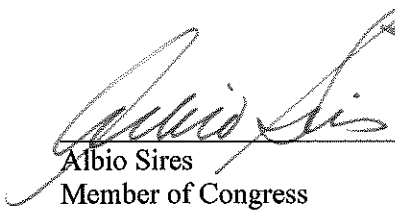
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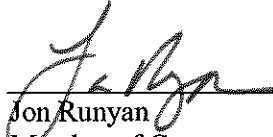


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