

April 16, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Larson  
Democratic Caucus Chair  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Majority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen  
Assistant to the Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable James Clyburn  
Majority Whip  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable George Miller  
Chairman, Education and Labor Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, Majority Whip Clyburn, Democratic Caucus Chair Larson, Assistant to the Speaker Van Hollen and Chairman Miller:

The undersigned organizations write to express our strong support for the Local Jobs for America Act (HR 4812), which would create a million public and private jobs in local communities. We applaud Congressman Miller for the introduction of this critical legislation.

Since the recession began in December 2007, the economy has lost over 8 million jobs, including many providing critical services in communities across the country. The current crisis of unemployment is devastating families all across America. March's unemployment report revealed an overall jobless rate of 9.7 percent; among African-Americans the jobless rate was a staggering 16.5 percent, among Latinos, 12.6 percent, among women who head families, 11.3 percent, and among youth, 26.1 percent.

We need bold Congressional action in order to put Americans back to work and prevent more layoffs and cuts in crucial services. The Local Jobs for America Act will not only provide employment for hundreds of thousands of jobless workers, it will create and save jobs for workers who are providing services that our communities badly need.

The Local Jobs for America Act provides \$100 billion over two years to create or save 750,000 jobs providing local services, and to save 250,000 education jobs. The funding will also keep 5,500 law enforcement officers on the beat, allow localities to hire additional firefighters, and provide on-the-job training slots to help local businesses create employment opportunities. These jobs in turn will put money in the pockets of families, spurring demand in the economy and creating additional private-sector jobs and tax revenues.

Projections of a slow recovery in the labor market underscore the urgent need to create jobs now. Job-creation must precede short-term deficit reduction as lost tax revenue from joblessness is significantly exacerbating our nation's fiscal problems. As local and national organizations who are witnessing firsthand the current crisis of unemployment and the increased need for services in the face of deep budget cuts, we believe that a bold response cannot wait.

We support quick passage of the Local Jobs for America Act to immediately put Americans back to work, in addition to meeting pressing needs in our communities.

Respectfully,

## **National and Regional Organizations**

9to5 National Association of Working Women  
Adrian Dominican Sisters  
African American Ministers in Action  
Alliance for Children and Families  
Alliance for Disabled in Action  
America's Promise Alliance  
American Association of University Women (AAUW)  
American Community Partnership  
American Federation of Government Employees  
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Friends Service Committee  
American Rights at Work  
American's Friends Service Committee  
Americans for Democratic Action, Inc  
Asian American Justice Center  
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs  
Augustinians, Province of St. Thomas of Villanova  
Campaign for America's Future  
Campaign for Community Change  
Center for American Progress Action Fund  
Center for Law and Social Policy  
Change to Win  
Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Committee of Interns and Residents  
Communications Workers of America District 1  
Community Action Partnership

Community Organizations in Action  
Corps Network  
Demos  
Direct Care Alliance  
Drum Major Institute for Public Policy  
Economic Opportunity Institute  
Economic Policy Institute  
Employee Rights Advocacy Institute For Law and Policy  
Enterprise Community Partners  
First Focus Campaign for Children  
Food Research and Action Center  
Franciscan Action Network  
Green for All  
Gulf Area Training Enterprises, LLC  
Half in Ten  
Insight Center for Community Economic Development  
Interfaith Worker Justice  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
Jewish Council for Public Affairs  
Jewish Labor Committee  
Jobs with Justice  
Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights  
Main Street Alliance  
MomsRising  
Ms. Foundation for Women  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
National Association for State Community Services Programs  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
National Association of State Directors of Special Education  
National Community Reinvestment Coalition  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Council of La Raza  
National Council of Negro Women  
National Council of Women's Organizations  
National Education Association  
National Employment Law Project  
National Employment Lawyers Association  
National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce  
National Immigrant Solidarity Network  
National Jobs for All Coalition  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
National Network of Sector Partners

National Organization for Women  
National Partnership for Women and Families  
National Priorities Project  
National Skills Coalition  
National Urban League  
National WIC Association  
National Women's Law Center  
NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby  
Northwest Federation of Community Organizations  
Open Door Ministry  
Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute  
PathStone  
People For the American Way  
PolicyLink  
Progressive Future  
Progressive States Network  
Restaurant Opportunities Centers United  
RESULTS  
SAG Talent Unions  
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
Service Employees International Union  
Simon Publications  
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Justice Team  
Southern Echo, Inc.  
Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice  
The Employee Rights Advocacy Institute For Law and Policy  
The Opportunity Agenda  
The United States Conference of Mayors  
Tradeswomen Now and Tomorrow  
U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce  
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries  
United Food and Commercial Workers  
United for a Fair Economy  
United Neighborhood Centers of America  
United States Student Association  
United Steelworkers  
USAction  
Wider Opportunities for Women  
Women Employed  
Women of Reform Judaism  
Women's Research and Education Institute  
Woodstock Institute

Working America  
YouthBuild USA

## **State and Local Organizations**

### **Alaska**

Alaska Center for Public Policy  
Alaska Works Partnerships

### **Arizona**

Arizona Advocacy Network

### **Arkansas**

Arkansas Interfaith Alliance  
Arkansas Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice

### **California**

California Church IMPACT  
California Partnership  
California Resources and Training  
Children's Network of Solano County  
Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice  
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles  
Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice of San Diego County  
Interfaith Council on Economics and Justice  
Parent Voices of Sonoma County  
Restaurant Opportunities Center Los Angeles  
The Interfaith Council on Economics and Justice  
Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corp.  
Women at Work

### **Colorado**

Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute, a project of the Colorado Center on Law and Policy  
Colorado Progressive Action  
Colorado Progressive Coalition  
Interfaith Worker Justice Committee of Colorado

**Connecticut**

Collaborative Center for Justice  
Connecticut Association for Human Services  
Connecticut Citizen Action Group  
United Action Connecticut

**Delaware**

Delaware Opportunities, Inc.  
JEVS Human Services

**District of Columbia**

Alexandria Economic Opportunity Commission  
DC Employment Justice Center  
Restaurant Opportunities Center of Washington, DC

**Florida**

Florida Consumer Action Network  
Miami Coalition for the Homeless  
Milton Child Care Center  
Pax Christi Northeast Florida  
Restaurant Opportunities Center of Miami  
South Florida AFL-CIO  
South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice

**Georgia**

Georgia Chapter African American Lutheran Association  
Georgia Rural Urban Summit  
Good Work

**Hawaii**

Arc of Hilo

**Idaho**

Idaho Community Action Network  
Idaho State AFL-CIO  
United Action for Idaho

**Illinois**

ARISE Chicago  
Center Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice  
Chicago Jobs Council  
Chicago Political Economy Group  
Chicago Workers' Collaborative  
Chicago's Coalition for the Homeless  
Citizen Action/Illinois  
Howard Area Employment Resource Center  
Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition  
Jobs for Youth Chicago  
Local Economic and Employment Development Council  
Organization of the NorthEast  
Ounce of Prevention Fund  
Restaurant Opportunities Center of Chicago  
Stopping Woman Abuse Now  
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

**Indiana**

Calumet Project  
Saint Joseph Valley Project of Northern Indiana

**Iowa**

Iowa Citizen Action Network  
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement  
Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO  
St. Pius Youth

**Kentucky**

Kentucky Equal Justice Center

**Louisiana**

Jesuit Social Research Institute, Loyola University New Orleans

**Maine**

Community Concepts, Inc.  
Maine Center for Economic Policy  
Maine Children's Alliance  
Maine People's Alliance  
Maine Women's Lobby  
Restaurant Opportunities Center of Maine

**Maryland**

Casa de Maryland  
Progressive Maryland  
Public Justice Center

**Massachusetts**

Action for Boston Community Development, Inc.  
Alliance to Develop Power, Massachusetts  
Massachusetts Communities Action Network

**Michigan**

Michigan Citizen Action  
Michigan League for Human Services  
Restaurant Opportunities Center of Detroit  
St. Joseph Parish

**Minnesota**

Minnesota Citizens for Tax Justice  
Workers Interfaith Network

**Missouri**

Grass Roots Organizing  
Intercommunity Housing Association  
Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition  
Parenting Life Skills Center  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis Province

**Montana**

Tobacco Valley Food Pantry

**Nevada**

Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada

**New Hampshire**

Granite State Organizing Project  
New Hampshire Citizens Alliance for Action  
NH AFL-CIO  
NH American Friends Service Committee  
NH Working Families Win

**New Jersey**

Council of New Jersey State College Locals, AFT/AFL-CIO  
CWA Local 1081  
Dress for Success Hudson County  
Health Professionals and Allied Employees, AFT/AFL-CIO  
HOPES CAP, Inc.  
New Jersey Association on Correction  
New Jersey Citizen Action  
New Jersey Tenants Organization  
New Jersey's Working Families  
New Labor  
South Jersey Gray Panthers  
United Passaic Organization  
United Progress, Inc.  
Urban League of Hudson County  
Victoria Foundation

**New Mexico**

New Mexico Voices for Children  
Southwest Organizing Project in Albuquerque

**New York**

AMOS Project  
Bailey House  
Brooklyn AIDS Task Force  
CitiWide Harm Reduction  
Citizen Action of New York  
Common Cause NY  
Community Voices Heard  
Empire State Coalition of Youth and Family Services  
Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition  
Hunger Action Network of NYS  
Lower East Side Family Union  
Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center  
NY State Stimulus Alliance  
NYC AIDS Housing Network  
Perceptions for People with Disabilities Positive Health Project, Inc.  
Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.  
Restaurant Opportunities Center of New York  
Syracuse United Neighbors  
Voices of Community Advocates and Leaders  
YWCA NorthEastern NY

**North Carolina**

Choanoke Area Development Association of NC, Inc.  
NC Justice Center  
North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition  
Western North Carolina Worker's Center

**North Dakota**

Minot Area Homeless Coalition  
NDPeople.org

**Ohio**

Cincinnati Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice  
Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center  
Contact Center  
Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative  
Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope  
Ohio Empowerment Coalition  
Policy Matters Ohio  
ProgressOhio  
Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley  
Toledo Area Jobs with Justice Coalition and Interfaith Worker Justice  
V Dove-Coleman Foundation

**Oklahoma**

ARC Group Homes, Inc.

**Oregon**

Human Services Coalition of Oregon  
Oregon Action

**Pennsylvania**

Dignity Housing  
Keystone Progress  
Mon Valley Unemployed Committee  
Niketown CDC  
Pathways PA  
PennAction  
United Way of Beaver County  
Women's Law Project

**Rhode Island**

Ocean State Action

**South Carolina**

SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center

South Carolina Fair Share

**Tennessee**

Dominican Sisters

Interfaith Worker Justice of East Tennessee

Tennessee Alliance for Progress

Tennessee Citizen Action

**Texas**

La Fe Policy Research and Education Center

North Dallas Chapter of the National Organization for Women

**Virginia**

Project Community, Inc.

Virginia Organizing Project

**Washington**

Children's Alliance

Got Green

Washington Community Action Network

**West Virginia**

Direct Action Welfare Group, Inc

West Virginia Citizen Action Group

**Wisconsin**

Citizen Action of Wisconsin

Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice of South Central Wisconsin

Nutrition and Health Associates

Racine Dominican Justice Outreach Office

Voces de la Frontera

Workers' Rights Center in Madison, Wisconsin

**Wyoming**

Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless City