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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE:

The undersigned urge you to enact legislation to provide relief to job providers who have been hard hit by the recession.

Specifically, the following job creating provisions should be enacted:

- ✓ **Extend the waiver of interest on loans to states to pay unemployment compensation through 2012—helping states in the short term to plan to restore solvency and to implement solvency legislation within a reasonable timeframe.**
- ✓ **Waive Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) penalties on employers in states borrowing to pay unemployment compensation through 2011—without a waiver, FUTA taxes on employer payroll in approximately half of the states will be increased.**
- ✓ **Reduce the Federal Unemployment Tax.**
- ✓ **Provide \$30 million in additional targeted administrative UI funding in FY 2010 and 2011 for state agencies to install automated systems and train personnel to better identify fraud and overpayments. This appropriation should be offset through enactment of a provision to add “New Hire” reporting as previously passed by the House of Representatives in HR 3458.**

We believe these provisions will reduce the costs of unemployment and enable employers to create jobs to aid in the country’s economic recovery.

Sincerely,

National Federation of Independent Business
National Retail Federation
International Textile Group, Inc.
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce
California Manufacturers & Technology Association
California Association of Hospitals & Health Systems
Associated Industries of Florida
Illinois Manufacturers’ Association
Indiana Manufacturers Association
The Kansas Chamber
Associated Industries of Massachusetts
Michigan Manufacturers Association
Missouri Merchants & Manufacturers Assn.
New Jersey Business & Industry Association
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Association of Washington Business
UWC – Strategic Services

Society for Human Resource Management
American Staffing Association
Associated Industries of Arkansas
California Chamber of Commerce
Connecticut Business & Industry Association
Florida United Businesses Association
Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry
Indiana Chamber of Commerce
Iowa Association of Business & Industry
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