

Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
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The Honorable Steny Hoyer
House Majority Leader
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The Honorable James Clyburn
House Majority Whip
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The Honorable Rahm Emanuel
House Democratic Caucus Chairman
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The Honorable John Larson
House Democratic Caucus Vice-Chairman
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, Whip Clyburn, Chairman Emanuel, and Vice Chair Larson:

We applaud the leadership you have taken to address the economic downturn faced by our nation. As you know, however, additional work must be done to counteract current economic conditions which are expected to continue to plague our communities well into next year. As we work to craft such solutions, including a second economic stimulus plan, we urge you to fund Title X of P.L. 110-140, the Green Jobs Act, a measure to help our nation's workers gain secure jobs in the renewable energy and energy efficiency fields.

The American Solar Energy Society estimates that in 2006, the renewable energy and energy sector generated 8.5 million jobs and nearly one trillion dollars in revenue in the United States. However, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory found that a major non-technical barrier to the advancement of these industries is the lack of a skilled workforce. Congress recognized the industry need and the potential for job growth when it passed the Green Jobs Act as part of P.L. 110-140. In addition to helping advance the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries, the Green Jobs Act created new job training programs would put workers on a path to financial self-sufficiency and economic security.

We strongly believe that supporting the training of America's workforce in these fields is a win-win. Our economy will benefit by the investment in high-growth and demand fields. Our manufacturing sector will benefit, as these jobs are jobs which will remain in the United States. Our families from all socio-economic backgrounds will benefit by having skills needed for a secure economic future.

We are committed to continuing to work with you to secure America's energy future and address the strains being felt by families across our nation. We believe investing in training for America's workforce in green jobs will help meet these goals. We urge inclusion of funding for the Green Jobs Act in measures to address America's economic challenges and look forward to continuing to work with you to secure America's energy and economy.

Sincerely,



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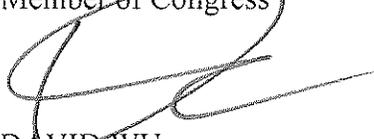
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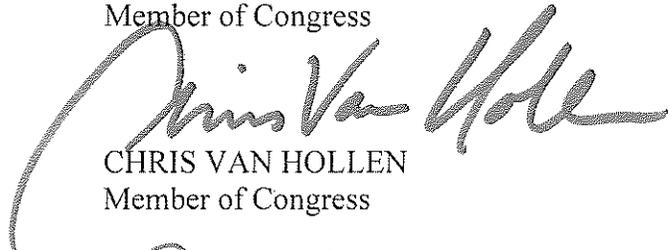
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