

ACTION ALERT

***Unemployment Insurance, COBRA and
TANF Emergency Fund Extensions***

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This week the House is expected to vote on **The American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010 (HR 4213)**, which includes an extension of key provisions for unemployed workers including Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and COBRA health benefits through December 31, 2010. The bill also includes an extension of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) emergency fund through September 30, 2011, and funding for summer youth employment programs.

This legislation may be the last chance to fund these critical job training and supportive services programs in 2010. However, odds of this legislation being passed are uncertain.

There are reliable reports that a number of House Democrats are expressing concerns about the overall cost of the bill, which would further add to the federal deficit. This means programs that are critical to America's economic recovery currently in the bill could be reduced or eliminated to cut costs, particularly if Members of Congress are not aware that these programs are a priority for their constituents.

If the bill does not pass, UI benefits will expire on June 2, 2010 and COBRA benefits on May 31, 2010 leaving millions of workers without essential income supports to cover rent, food and health insurance premiums while they continue to look for employment.

The TANF emergency fund, expected to create 185,000 temporary jobs will expire on September 30, 2010 without an extension. And the summer jobs program, which was responsible for putting over 300,000 youth to work in 2009, will not receive funding in 2010.

For a full summary of **The American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010 (HR 4213)** - [Click here](#).

TAKE ACTION NOW!

Call both your Representative and Senators and ask them to support HR 4213!

Call both your Representative and your Senators and ask them to support HR 4213! If you are unsure who your Representative is or who your Senators are, please visit

www.contactingthecongress.org.

Message: Honorable (Senator/Representative) _____, I am (calling/writing) to urge you to vote in favor of HR 4213. I am constituent and our community needs a jobs bill that continues unemployment benefits and COBRA health care subsidies for unemployed workers and creates jobs by extending the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Fund and funding the summer jobs for youth program.

Call 877-210-5351, the toll-free number for the Congressional switchboard, and ask to be connected your Representative's or Senator's office.

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