

ACTION ALERT
Unemployment Insurance Benefits

February 22, 2010

Call-in Day to Save Jobs and Protect the Jobless
Tuesday, February 23rd

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed in 2009 to pull the economy out of its nosedive and to dampen mounting job losses. Still, the jobs crisis has persisted, and it is likely that unemployment will remain above 8% even two years from now in the absence of bold and decisive action to create jobs. The employment situation is an economic crisis for the nation and requires an adequate, comprehensive response by the federal government. By itself, the private sector is unable to create jobs in the numbers needed for a robust, full economic recovery.

At the end of this month, the federal program providing unemployment benefits for the long-term unemployed will expire. Congress must take quick action to protect nearly 1.2 million jobless people from losing Unemployment benefits in March alone; by June, about 5 million people will lose out if action is not taken.

Unemployment benefits also help to prevent further job losses. In fact, up to 800,000 jobs nationwide could be lost if the unemployment benefits are not extended through the end of this year.

After a two-month reauthorization in December, the benefits provided to jobless workers by the ARRA are set to expire in less than a week! Call Congress tomorrow, Tuesday, February 23, 2010, and let them know how important it is to protect these benefits!

To learn more visit: <http://www.jobs4americanow.org/the-end-of-the-line/>

TAKE ACTION NOW!

Please call and email Senators Lugar and Bayh tomorrow, Tuesday, February 23, 2010! If you are unsure who your Senator is, please visit <http://www.contactingthecongress.org/> to find out.

Message: Honorable Senator _____, I am (calling/writing) to urge you to vote in favor a full-year extension of unemployment benefits and COBRA healthcare benefits. Over 38,000 unemployed Indiana workers will become ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits in March and more than 160,000 unemployed Hoosiers will exhaust their regular state

benefits by the end of June if no action is taken. I know you will do what is best for Indiana, our state's economy, and the over 300,000 jobless Hoosiers. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

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**We sincerely appreciate all of your time, effort, and support
on this issue!**
