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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT A NEW, BROAD-BASED JOB CREATION PLAN, INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL FISCAL RELIEF TO STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO FOSTER ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CREATE AND MAINTAIN JOBS ACROSS THE NATION.

WHEREAS, New Mexico lost twenty-five thousand four hundred jobs in 2009; and

WHEREAS, in late 2009, the unemployment rate in New Mexico reached a twenty-one-year high, with seventy-two thousand six hundred fifty people out of work, an increase of over three percent from the previous year; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has the second-highest uninsured rate in the nation at twenty-three percent; and

WHEREAS, approximately twenty-eight thousand three hundred .180767.2

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1 New Mexicans lost health insurance in 2009 due to the rise in  
2 unemployment; and

3 WHEREAS, currently there are approximately nine thousand  
4 homeless children in New Mexico, and the number of homeless  
5 people in New Mexico is growing; and

6 WHEREAS, the safety net of services for New Mexico's most  
7 vulnerable citizens who are hungry, homeless, ill or at-risk is  
8 imperiled by funding cuts and a reduced charitable-giving base;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico is facing a one-hundred-fifty-  
11 million-dollar (\$150,000,000) budget gap before being able to  
12 maintain a five percent reserve at the midpoint of fiscal year  
13 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, a two-hundred-million-dollar (\$200,000,000)  
15 deficit is projected for New Mexico in fiscal year 2011; and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico's revenues dropped twenty percent from  
17 2008 to 2010; and

18 WHEREAS, since the 2009 special legislative session,  
19 nearly five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) has already  
20 been cut from New Mexico's budget; and

21 WHEREAS, further budget cuts will only deter consumer  
22 demand, discourage private industry activity, lead to higher  
23 unemployment and hamper overall economic growth; and

24 WHEREAS, New Mexico miners, construction workers,  
25 retailers and many other workers across the state face the dire

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1 prospect of job loss during a time of economic uncertainty; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico families will have to deal with the  
3 following effects of budget cuts: larger class sizes, an  
4 inferior educational system, reduced health care and safety  
5 services and generally diminished quality of vital public  
6 programs;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the president of the United States and  
9 the United States congress be requested to take proactive steps  
10 to create jobs and enact fiscal relief for state and local  
11 governments to foster growth, avoid further budget catastrophe,  
12 ensure that states perform the core functions that all American  
13 families deserve and deliver jobs to Americans on main street;  
14 and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any job creation and state  
16 fiscal relief plan include extending the federal medical  
17 assistance payments or "federal match" increases for medicaid,  
18 provide additional support for education, boost funding for  
19 infrastructure projects and public transportation investments,  
20 support the long-term unemployed to sustain them until they  
21 reenter the workforce and provide direct financial assistance  
22 to state and local governments so that they may provide the  
23 vital services needed to maintain growth in local communities  
24 across the nation; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the president of the United States, the  
2 president pro tempore of the United States senate, the speaker  
3 of the United States house of representatives and the members  
4 of the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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