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Support the Local Jobs for America Act

Dear Representative,

On behalf of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a coalition charged by its diverse membership of more than 200 national organizations to promote and protect the rights of all persons in the United States, we are writing to urge your support for the Local Jobs for America Act introduced by Rep. George Miller (D-CA), Chair of the Education and Labor Committee. This bill is bold legislation that is estimated to create or save one million jobs.

The Leadership Conference believes the proposals in the bill are urgently needed. The bill contains important investments that will keep police officers, firefighters, and teachers on the job, as well as crucial infusions of funding that will save or create another 750,000 jobs providing needed local services. These would be full-time, full-year jobs that pay wages that allow workers to support their families.

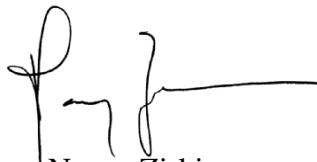
Of critical importance, the bill includes tools that ensure that funding will go to the places and people most in need, by providing a funding formula for local government and nonprofit jobs that is based in part on poverty rates and rates of unemployment.

The Leadership Conference believes the Local Jobs for America Act will help to alleviate hardships for those most vulnerable, and in so doing, foster economic growth. We urge you to provide the help to Americans that is most needed, and look forward to working with you to ensure the bill's speedy enactment. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Corrine Yu, Leadership Conference Senior Counsel, at 202-466-5670 or Nancy Zirkin at 202-263-2880.

Sincerely,



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