

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In your address to the Joint Session of the Congress last week, you outlined your ideas for job creation and closed by saying that you would consider all good ideas. As chairmen of the Senate and Congressional Western Caucuses, we certainly believe that creating long term, private sector jobs must be a top priority.

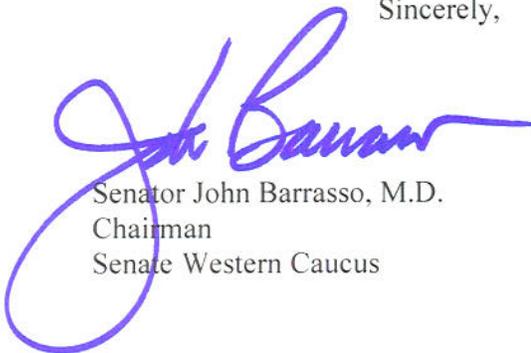
As you present your proposed legislation to Congress this week, we would like to submit our "Jobs Frontier" report as a collection of ideas for your additional consideration. The "Jobs Frontier" report is a collection of legislative ideas, already introduced in one or both chambers of Congress that will immediately create jobs in the West and across the country. In fact, some of the ideas have already passed the House. Moreover, most, if not all, of the proposals will create jobs at zero cost to the taxpayers.

The "Jobs Frontier" report offers specific ideas to immediately create jobs. For instance, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act offered by Congressman Paul Gosar (R-AZ) would pave the way for a copper mine in Superior, Arizona and immediately bring 1,400 new jobs to an area in desperate need. The San Joaquin Valley legislation offered by Congressman Devin Nunes (R-CA) would bring 25,000 to 30,000 jobs back to California. Other legislation such as the three Outer-Continental Shelf bills offered by Congressman Hastings (R-WA) would create 250,000 short term jobs and over 1.2 million jobs in the long term, and the Domestic Jobs, Domestic Energy and Deficit Reduction Act offered by Senator David Vitter and Congressman Rob Bishop would create over 2 million jobs and \$10 trillion in Gross Domestic Product at zero cost to the taxpayer.

We take you at your word that you will consider all good proposals. We hope you will consider ideas from the people who actually represent the West about how to create jobs in the West. Western representatives have listened to the concerns of their constituents and responded by drafting legislation that will unleash the potential of those constituents to create good, lasting American jobs.

We are happy to work with your staff to answer any questions or address any concerns, and look forward to working with the White House to quickly make these strong American jobs a reality.

Sincerely,



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