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The Honorable John Boehner Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Eric Cantor Majority Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Majority Leader Cantor:

As you know, emergency unemployment benefits expired in December, immediately leaving approximately 1.3 million Americans without benefits. Since then, many more people have lost benefits each week, bringing the number of long-term unemployed Americans without government assistance to greater than 2 million.

Today, a bi-partisan deal was passed in the U.S. Senate that would retroactively restore unemployment benefits and extend these benefits for 5 months. As many Americans continue to struggle without benefits, we respectfully request that the House immediately consider this bill or a similar measure to restore unemployment benefits to struggling Americans.

We appreciate your consideration of this request, and look forward to working with you to advance this important legislation.

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