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Statement on American Jobs Act

Congress should pass the American Jobs Act to get the economy moving and Texans back to work

(AUSTIN, Texas) — Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPPP) Senior Policy Analyst Don Baylor made the following comments today regarding the American Jobs Act before President Obama’s speech at Eastfield Community College in Mesquite, Texas.

“The American Jobs Act takes the right approach to creating jobs by using proven state-level reemployment efforts that get Americans back to work. More urgently, we also need to continue unemployment insurance benefits while Texans build job skills and intensify their search for work.

“Congress is on the verge of cutting 150,000 out-of-work Texans off unemployment insurance unless it passes the Administration’s proposal in the American Jobs Act to continue unemployment insurance extended benefits. Failing to continue extended benefits will leave Texas families without help and create a drag on the Texas economy.”

The Subcommittee on Human Resources of the Committee on Ways and Means of the U.S. Congress will hold a hearing on the bill Thursday, October 6, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. EST.

To learn more about the American Jobs Act, see:

<http://www.nelp.org/page/-/UI/2011/NELP.AmericanJobsAct.Analysis.pdf?nocdn=1>

To learn more about UI in Texas, see:

<http://www.texasworkforce.org/ui/bnfts/benefitextensions.pdf>

<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/ui/bnfts/uiadditionalweeks.pdf>

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