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Dear Representative Obey:

We are writing to urge you to support legislation similar to H.R. 6867, either as part of an economic stimulus package or on its own, to provide at least seven additional weeks of extended unemployment benefits throughout the nation to those who have exhausted their current benefits. We also request your support in this legislation for 13 more weeks of benefits for workers in states where the unemployment rate is 6 percent or higher. To effectively implement these provisions and to ensure adequate job training resources are available, we also encourage Congress to provide additional administrative funding for the unemployment insurance and employment service agencies.

Without this legislation, an estimated 800,000 workers will exhaust their current extended benefits in October, and another 300,000 individuals will run out of benefits by the end of December. The legislation will result in economic stimulus estimated at \$6 billion and will help millions of workers and their families in time of great need.

Sincerely,

George E. Faithful
International President

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