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Dear Chairman Obey:

On behalf of the International Association of Workforce Professionals (IAWP) we would like to congratulate you in your return as a member of the 111th Congress.

IAWP members are workforce professionals. Each day these professionals are required to assist the millions of American workers who have been affected severely by the downturn in the economy. We see the pain and hurt of these workers who believe strongly in the American dream and do not want to be a drain on the system. They just need a little help and a short-term bridge until things get better.

Our association supports the "Reed Act Distribution" to state unemployment insurance programs and increased funding to the workforce system in the upcoming economic stimulus and appropriation bills.

The IAWP Officers and Administrative Staff are available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

George Faithful, President
International Association of Workforce Professionals