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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 1.4 million men and women of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, I am writing in support of H.R. 4213, the Promoting American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010.

H.R. 4213 will extend federal unemployment insurance programs and COBRA health subsidies until the end of the year. This legislation also provides much-needed relief to multiemployer pension plans, which suffered substantial losses as a result of the 2008 stock market collapse.

Despite continued job growth, we know that unemployment rates will not dramatically decrease anytime soon. To meet short-term funding obligations, many employers will be forced to divert cash needed for job retention and creation to their pension plans. We can ill afford to have this occur at such a critical time in our economic recovery.

In addition, with unemployment and COBRA benefits set to expire at the end of the month, the time to act is now. Without funding relief and benefit extensions, many jobs will be lost, and the economic recovery will stall even further.

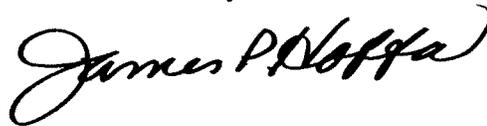
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H.R. 4213 will provide a needed boost to the economy and help people still struggling to find work in a difficult labor market. We urge you to protect jobs and support working families by voting for this essential legislation. If you have any additional questions, please contact Lisa Kinard at (202) 624-6890.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James P. Hoffa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James P. Hoffa
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