

## TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE – BY THE NUMBERS

- 1962** Year that Congress created Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) when it enacted the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.<sup>1</sup>
- 2009** Year that Congress enacted the bipartisan Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009, making significant improvements to TAA, including expanding eligibility to service workers and more manufacturing workers.<sup>2</sup>
- 46** Average age of a TAA participant.<sup>3</sup>
- 25** Percentage of TAA participants with any education beyond high school.<sup>4</sup>
- 46** Percentage of non-TAA unemployed with any education beyond high school.<sup>5</sup>
- 90** Percentage of TAA eligibility petitions filed by non-union firms or groups in 2009.<sup>6</sup>
- 67** Percentage of non-union TAA eligible workers.<sup>7</sup>
- 447,000** Workers certified as eligible for TAA since May 2009 (when the 2009 bipartisan TAA reforms were implemented).<sup>8</sup>
- 227,000** Workers who participated in TAA in FY2010, receiving case management, training and/or income support.<sup>9</sup>
- 185,000** TAA eligible workers since May 2009 who would not likely have qualified before the 2009 reforms were implemented.<sup>10</sup>
- 4** Number of reports that Heritage Foundation cites in criticizing TAA that pre-date passage and implementation of the 2009 TAA reforms.
- 0** Number of reports that Heritage Foundation cites that actually review TAA after the 2009 program reforms were implemented.

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<sup>1</sup> P.L. 87-794.

<sup>2</sup> P.L. 111-5.

<sup>3</sup> See “National Evaluation of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Characteristics of Workers Eligible Under the 2002 TAA Program and Their Early Program Experiences Final Report”, *Mathematica*, April 2010, p. 18.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> Department of Labor.

<sup>7</sup> Mike Evangelist and Christine Owen “A Duty to Balance the Gains and Pains of Free Trade”, *The Hill’s Congress Blog*, July 8, 2011.

<sup>8</sup> Department of Labor.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*