



## Laid Off & Left Out:

### America's Workers Deserve Better

Friends,

Another month of severe unemployment, another Congressional break without an extension of unemployment benefits - sound familiar? Well, this time, enough is enough.

There's no holiday vacation celebrating this week for the over two million workers left jobless in this devastating job market without a federal extension of unemployment benefits. When back home for the holiday, those who voted against the extension in both the Senate and House of Representatives should hear their voices loud and clear when the elected officials attend their barbeques, their parades, their town hall meetings, and their local call-in radio shows.

The message is short and sweet, especially when delivered by those who are suffering the daily hardships of unemployment, their families, their friends and their neighbors - "Senators and Congressmen, get your priorities right and pass the extension of unemployment benefits and resume the COBRA health care subsidies for the unemployed. Don't Cut Off America, Save the Recovery!"

Get out there to their events, call-in to their offices, ask for a meeting, reach out to your local press. Make sure those elected officials who voted against the extension and health care benefits for the unemployed put a face to the unemployment crisis so they think twice before voting against the unemployed again.

To help, [here](#) is a chart of Representatives and Senators who voted against the extension before leaving town for the holidays, along with the unemployment rate in their state. And [here](#) are the figures for your state showing the number of workers who are prematurely being denied federal jobless benefits this month. Finally, click [here](#) to access the phone number for your Senators and Congressmen back home, which may also help you determine their schedules. You can also use our [action alert](#) and send an email to your representatives.

Please do what you can this week and let your Senators and Congressmen who voted against the extension know that real hard-working people with families are paying close attention to what's happening way back in Washington, D.C., and that your votes count.

Thank you, and please keep us posted on your progress,

Your friends at [unemployeworkers.org](http://unemployeworkers.org)