

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 8, 2014

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
US Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner,

Yesterday the Senate took bipartisan action to restore the critical lifeline for millions of job-seekers through the extension of federal unemployment assistance. While delayed for far too long, the Senate's vote provides long-awaited hope for over two million Americans who have lost their unemployment benefits since they expired on December 28, 2013 – including over 48,000 people from our state. With only a few short days left before you adjourn the House for a two-week recess, we urge you to bring the Senate-passed bill up for a vote without delay.

Although you recently expressed concern that states may not be able to implement the extension of unemployment assistance, we want to make clear that Connecticut is ready to act. As Governor Malloy – a state leader who, like his colleagues, will be tasked with implementing any extension passed by Congress – makes clear in his attached letter to Secretary Perez, the importance of extending unemployment aid far outweighs any challenge in administering it.

There is simply no reason for further delay. The time to act is now.

Sincerely,



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