



UI Business Coalition Supports JOBS Act of 2011: Next Steps

On May 25th a coalition of forty national and state business associations and employers sent a letter of support for HR 1745, the JOBS Act of 2011, sponsored by House Ways and Means Chairman Dave Camp (R-MI) and subcommittee Chair Geoff Davis (R-KY).

UWC coordinated the review of the bill and the development of support for it as it was favorably considered by the House Ways and Means Committee.

The primary features of the bill favorable to business include:

- 1) Permitting the Federal Unemployment Tax Act 0.2% surtax to sunset on June 30, 2011
- 2) Distributing \$31 billion to state unemployment trust funds with increased flexibility for the amount distributed to be used to pay for interest and principal on UI loans as well as state and federal unemployment compensation
- 3) Codifying the basic requirement of the Unemployment Insurance program that individuals must be able to work, available for work and actively seeking work as a condition of being paid unemployment compensation

A copy of the letter of support is attached.

As of this writing, HR 1745, which was anticipated to be on the House Floor this week or next week, has not been scheduled for a vote on the floor of the House. Additional consultation is needed, particularly with Governors about the impact of the provisions of HR 1745 and benefits to states as well as employers doing business in the states.

UWC will resume discussions with the Senate in the weeks to come.

May 25, 2011

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

We are writing in support of HR 1745 (Camp), the JOBS Act of 2011. This proposal contains measures to encourage job creation, improve state unemployment trust fund solvency, and enable unemployment agencies to focus on integrity of the UI program and reemployment of unemployed workers. The provisions of this bill that are particularly positive steps include:

- 1. Distributing \$31 billion in funds to state unemployment benefit accounts that may be used to pay unemployment compensation, repay the principal and interest on loans to states to pay unemployment compensation, or to provide assistance to unemployed workers in searching for and finding work.**
- 2. Permitting the Federal Unemployment Tax Act 0.2% surtax to sunset on June 30, 2011, reducing the FUTA tax rate to 6.0% from 6.2%.**
- 3. Codifying the basic requirement of the Unemployment Insurance program that individuals must be able to work, available for work and actively seeking work as a condition of being paid unemployment compensation.**
- 4. Providing flexibility to states to improve the unemployment insurance program in a way that matches the unique needs of unemployed workers and employers on a state by state basis.**

We believe that the JOBS Act of 2011 will reduce the costs of unemployment, enable employers to create jobs, and provide integrity savings to reduce the federal deficit.

American Staffing Association
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce
Associated Industries of Arkansas
Associated Industries of Florida
Associated Industries of Massachusetts
Association of Washington Business
California Association of Hospitals & Health Systems
California Manufacturers & Technology Association
Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry
Delaware Manufacturing Association
Delaware Small Business Alliance
Delaware State Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Association of Manufacturers
Illinois Manufacturers' Association
Indiana Chamber of Commerce
Indiana Manufacturers Association
International Franchise Association
Iowa Association of Business & Industry
Kelly Services

Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Missouri Association of Manufacturers
Missouri Chamber of Commerce
National Federation of Independent Business
National Retail Federation
National Roofing Contractors Association
New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce
North Carolina Chamber of Commerce
North Dakota Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
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