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United States Senate
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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the 1.4 million men and women of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, I am writing to urge you to support H.R. 4213, the Promoting American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010, as amended. The Senate should act quickly to pass the bill.

The legislation, which passed the House on May 28, provides much-needed relief to multiemployer pension funds. These funds suffered significant losses with the stock market crash of 2008 and need additional time to recover.

The relief provided to multiemployer pension plans in H.R. 4213 will ease the tough funding requirements under pension laws, while preserving jobs in many industries. More than 10 million workers in the U.S. participate in 1,500 multiemployer pension plans. We must ensure these plans remain solvent.

In addition, while the economy has shown some gradual improvement, unemployment still remains high. The modest extension in unemployment benefits will help struggling workers in this tough market.

I urge you to protect jobs and support working families by voting for this legislation. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa P. Kinard, Director, Department of Federal Legislation and Regulation, at (202) 624-6890.

Sincerely,

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