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WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO SAVE YOUR JOB OR YOUR COLLEAGUES' JOBS? MAKE CONGRESS LISTEN!!

Congress returned to Washington, DC two weeks ago. We continue our fight to pass an education jobs fund that will save hundreds of thousands of educator jobs and ensure the investments necessary to help all students succeed.

House Appropriations Chairman, and strong public education advocate, Dave Obey (D-WI) remains deeply committed to passing this essential funding. But, others in Congress need convincing - and you are the best messengers!

TAKE ACTION TODAY! Keep the e-mails and calls coming! Ask colleagues, friends, and family to join this fight:

* Continue to e-mail your Members of Congress

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to support funding to save education jobs in the emergency funding bill (known as the "emergency supplemental" funding bill).

* You can still call 1-866-608-6355 to contact your Representative in Congress. You will hear talking points and will be connected to the United States Capitol Switchboard - ask for your House Member. Tell your Representative that public education faces a budget catastrophe and that he/she should support including investments to save education jobs in the emergency supplemental funding bill.

* Share your story

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. Is your school seeing increased class sizes? Shorter school weeks? Programs cut or eliminated? Tell us what is happening in your school and how it will impact your students.

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URGE THE SENATE TO PASS LEGISLATION TO PREVENT MORE CUTS TO EDUCATION, EXTEND THE EDUCATOR TAX DEDUCTION AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, AND PROVIDE URGENT PENSION RELIEF

Before the Memorial Day recess, the House passed "tax extenders" legislation (H.R. 4213) that includes a number of provisions of great importance to educators. The American Jobs, Closing Tax Loopholes, and Preventing

Outsourcing Act will:

- * Extend aid to states to help cover Medicaid costs - to take pressure off state budgets and prevent cuts to education and other important priorities. Even though the House stripped this very important funding from its bill, the money is in the Senate package. Many states have prepared next year's budgets counting on this funding. If it doesn't pass, states will have to cut education and other important programs even further.
- * Provide relief for private pension plan sponsors to help deal with the dramatic losses incurred during the market crashes of 2008 and 2009.
- * Extend the tax deduction for educators' out-of-pocket classroom supply expenses. This deduction has expired and must be extended in order to be available when educators file their taxes next year.
- * Extend unemployment benefits until the end of 2010 - to help struggling families make ends meet and address the great instability in many of our students' lives caused by family financial crises.

The tax extenders bill will help fund schools, ease financial burdens for educators buying school supplies for students, and help students' families survive this economic crisis. We owe it to our students to protect them as much as possible from this financial crisis.

Contact your Members of Congress Today! Urge your Senators
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to support the tax extenders bill (H.R. 4213).

Take Action !!! Don't Give Up. Never Give Up!!!

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