

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 4, 2009

President Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

We were encouraged by the comments of your press secretary, Robert Gibbs, yesterday indicating you are open to considering alternative plans for economic recovery legislation if they will meet the test of creating 3 million jobs. Last week, in response to your request for input, the House Republican Working Group on Economic Recovery presented a plan that would create more than twice that number based on the methodology articulated by your nominee to chair the Council of Economic Advisors, Dr. Christina Romer.

The centerpiece of our plan is fast-acting tax relief that allows working families, small businesses, entrepreneurs and home-buyers to keep more of what they earn. Small employers and every American income taxpayer would benefit from the House Republican plan. Dr. Romer's methodology shows that our plan will create 6.2 million jobs and, with a revenue impact of almost \$479 billion, achieves twice the job creation at half the cost to American taxpayers than the plan passed by House of Representatives last week.

We hope you will continue to consider our alternative plan. There is no question that quick and targeted action is needed to get our economy back on track, and we look forward to continuing to engage in a dialogue with you on the most effective way forward to stimulate the economy and protect the taxpayer.

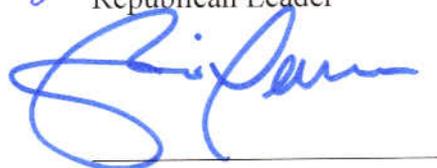
Sincerely,



Rep. John Boehner
Republican Leader



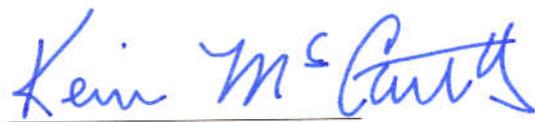
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