
WE HAVE A JOBS CRISIS!!

Mass unemployment continues to take its toll. At any given time during the **Great Recession** and its aftermath about **13 million people** are officially unemployed. Another **14-15 million** are hidden unemployed (forced to work part-time or want a job but aren't currently looking). **16-17 million** full-time workers earn less than the poverty level. That means about **44 million people** and many of their families are casualties of the jobs crisis.

CAN WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS CRISIS?



YES, WE CAN!

Government can create useful jobs. Everyone knows that our roads need repair, our bridges are eroding, our children need more teachers, parents lack affordable child care, seniors lack elder care, millions lack adequate health care, and we must green our economy. **All of these needs can and should be met by the federal government.** That's what was done during the Great Depression of the 1930s when Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal put millions of the unemployed to work doing useful jobs that have made a lasting contribution to our country – roads, bridges, schools, libraries, housing, parks, arts, culture and much more. ➔ **But government won't create jobs unless we organize and demand that it take action and take it now!** To learn more and do more, visit the **National Jobs for All Coalition** websites, www.njfac.org and www.jobscampaign.org, or email us at njfac@njfac.org.

PUT AMERICA TO WORK!!

Pass Comprehensive Federal Job Creation Legislation Now!!

Three key bills to support:

- 1. The Humphrey-Hawkins 21st Century Full Employment and Training Act** (HR 870, introduced by Rep. John Conyers, D-MI), which would create a national jobs program, including **2.6 to 3.9 million jobs** over the first two years, in affordable housing, neighborhood rehabilitation, energy conservation and weatherization, infrastructure repair, education, and human services.
- 2. The Emergency Jobs to Restore the American Dream Act** (HR 2914, introduced by Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-IL) would create **2.2 million public service jobs** in school construction and maintenance, park improvement and restoration, education, child care, law enforcement, health care, energy conservation, and affordable housing.
- 3. The National Infrastructure Development Bank Act of 2011** (HR 402, introduced by Rep. Rosa DeLauro) establishes a National Infrastructure Development Bank, an independent body designed to evaluate and finance **infrastructure projects of substantial regional and national significance**. (A similar bill, S, 652, the Senate BUILD Act introduced by Sen. John Kerry with 8 cosponsors, would establish an American Infrastructure Financing Authority (AIFA)).



YOU CAN HELP!!

- 1. Contact Members of Congress** and encourage them to cosponsor and support the bills listed above. Visit **www.PutAmericaToWork.net** for more information about federal legislation.
- 2. Pass a Local Resolution** in your city or country government or local Labor Council in support a national jobs program. Visit **www.PutAmericaToWork.net** to download sample resolutions.
- 3. Hold a “First Friday” or “First Saturday” vigil** or demonstration in your community to protest the high unemployment rate, and demand a national jobs program. (The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics releases new unemployment statistics on the First Friday of every month, so you can piggyback on local coverage of the unemployment crisis.) Develop a local coalition/network in support of a national jobs program. Contact Logan Martinez of NJFAC for more information. **Loganmartinez2u@yahoo.com** or **(937) 260-2591**.
- 4. Organize a Local Community Forum or “Citizens’ Hearings about the Unemployment Crisis.”** **Invite unemployed and underemployed workers to speak** about their experiences. Invite local & national experts to talk about the human costs of unemployment, and the need for a national jobs program.