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*Working to Reduce Poverty in America.*

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The Honorable George Miller  
Chair, House Committee on Education and Labor  
2181 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. Miller:

I am writing to thank you for your recently introduced legislation the “Local Jobs for America Act” (H.R. 4812). This legislation will help revive the economy in local communities in two important ways. It will provide employment opportunities for hundreds of thousands of workers who are jobless, and at the same time provide critical public safety and social services that local communities greatly need. Catholic Charities USA is also encouraged to see that the legislation will provide resources to community-based organizations to hire new employees to fulfill local needs.

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Catholic Charities USA is pleased that H.R. 4812 provides \$75 billion over two years to create or save 750,000 local service jobs. The bill will help protect local communities by providing funds to maintain and increase the number of law enforcement officers and firefighters. It will also provide on-the-job training positions to help local employers create more employment opportunities.

Catholic Charities USA is one of the nation’s largest private networks of over 1,700 social service agencies and institutions. In 2008, Catholic Charities agencies across the country provided critical social services to 8.5 million consumers. In 2010, Catholic Charities USA will celebrate our centennial year. As we look ahead to the next 100 years, we are not only committed to continue serving the nation’s most vulnerable, but we also seek to find 21<sup>st</sup> century solutions to create more economic opportunities for all those whom we serve. We will also seek to identify innovative programs and practices to accomplish our long term goal of cutting the nation’s poverty rate in half by 2020. We believe your proposal will not only help to create more local employment, but it will also strengthen local communities and help to reduce poverty in our nation.

Thank you for your work on behalf of our nation’s vulnerable families. I look forward to working with you and your staff to identify the types of innovative economic policies that will make our nation stronger.

Sincerely,

Candy Hill

Sr. Vice President of Social Policy and Government Affairs

