

To: President Barack Obama, Senators and House of Representatives,

I am a living breathing individual who lost my job through no fault of my own in June 2008. I am a responsible citizen of this country and have worked all of my life. I am not just a number as referenced in every sound bite that I have heard since the unemployment issue began. For months and months, I have sought work. In my past, I made a six figure salary, but now I can't even find a job at a fast food restaurant; they're all filled and if there were available in my city, I am over-qualified for the position. My benefits will cease at the end of May. The lie that we are particular as to the type of job that we will take is only that, a lie. There are no jobs for all of the unemployed, especially in Los Angeles, CA where I live.

I am asking you to stop ignoring the American people who have been reduced to poverty. Senators Brian Dorgan and Max Baucus, blatantly stated to the media on April 29, 2010, that 99 weeks of unemployment benefits were enough. They should be ashamed of themselves. Like them, I am a Democrat who has donated to the organization, but now, I am thoroughly ashamed of the leaders of my party who I helped to get elected because they have displayed with pride their insensitivity to mankind. They need to walk only one day in my shoes and the reality of what we unemployed citizens are going through would be realize to them. Those non- empathetic statements of Senators Baucus and Dorgan are deplorable and hurtful to the millions of unemployed who cannot find jobs. Their statements should be retracted immediately.

I truly hope that you agree with me when I state that the unemployed did not create this *financial holocaust* but that we are the living victims of the greedy acts of the wealthy who with deliberate malice caused this holocaust. It is unfathomable that other than the Enron executives and Bernie Madoff, the other thieves of this holocaust to date have escaped incarceration. We need help. NOW! We were upstanding citizens who in the past were fully employed, paying taxes, and raising families. Now sadly we find ourselves paying the ultimate price. You, our leaders are deliberately failing us by ignoring our most basic and urgent need. As of the writing of my letter, there are still no plans to add additional weeks of benefit to existing tiers and/or a Tier V to keep us from becoming increasingly destitute.

Hundred of thousands of people have lost or will lose all financial support. They have run through any retirement savings they had saved for their future while working an honest day's work in the past. If life weren't hard enough, my husband and I with only fixed incomes have had to take in our three grandchildren and raise them without any help from their parents. We cannot get food stamps because we own a home and an old car. My home is on its way to foreclosure if something does not change for us quickly. Now, you tell me that the unemployment insurance that I paid in for over 36+ years will cease after 99 weeks? I am not getting wealthy by receiving UI benefits. Many times I have had to choose whether to pay a utility bill or to pay for medicine for my husband or for one of my grandchildren because like Congress who has turned their backs on us, the utility companies don't care if you sit in the dark or freeze in the cold weather. I am now the frequent customer of the neighborhood food banks, you see, food banks are the only way that people like me can survive. At least with the UI check I have been receiving I have been able to keep food on our tables from those food banks and a roof over our heads. No luxuries, just the basics... My husband and I are wondering how long will it be before we become part of the government's monthly homeless statistic.

I you feel that 99 weeks of unemployment is enough for me and for my family as Senator Baucus and Dorgan has stated, than please send me a letter with instructions stating how I can explain to my grandchildren why there is no more food to eat and why we are living in a box in Downtown Los Angeles. This is no joke. I am wary and I am scare of our immediate future if the government does not pass a bill to help those of us who are long termed unemployed. I thought that our forefather's intentions were to make sure that our government was created for the people and by the people. I guess that maybe I forgot to read the small print if these was one that excluded me and my family and millions of other unemployed who have or are about to be kicked off of benefits. I thought that President Lincoln in his Gettysburg address included every citizen of this country when he stated "for the people by the people". Since when did "the people" transform into "for the upper class by

the upper class." Unfortunately from what I am learning, there is only the poor and the rich class now. Can we guess what class millions and millions of the unemployed belong?

If you are a Christian or a believer in the Almighty, please remember what the Lord said to the multitude.....*"for I was hungry and you gave me to eat...I was thirsty and you gave me drink....."* We need to be our brother's keeper. We, the every day working Americans until jobs were stripped from us have without question been "our government's, our country's keeper" we paid our taxes, even our unemployment taxes. Now, Mr. President, Senators and Congressional Representatives, it's your turn to do the right thing. Please add additional unemployment coverage for those of us who exhausted our benefits. Please help us for we are scared and we are helpless. We are begging you..... PLEASE.

Respectively,

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