

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

February 9, 2021

Mr. Brian Deese  
Director of National Economic Council  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Deese:

We write to ask that you provide an estimate by the Biden Administration (not an outside third party) on the number of jobs expected to be created by the President's proposed \$1.9 trillion Covid-relief legislation. We ask that you deliver this estimate prior to the House vote on the upcoming Budget Reconciliation legislation.

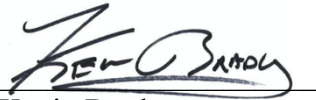
The global pandemic and related economic lockdowns have led to a significant increase in unemployment across the country. While the federal government has already spent approximately \$3.5 trillion dollars to provide relief to struggling Americans, we should not lose sight of the fact that those that are struggling due to the pandemic are largely struggling due to job loss. Therefore, it is absolutely essential that any additional relief be effectively and efficiently targeted towards creating jobs and getting Americans safely back to work.

As you know, prior to economic lockdowns beginning in March 2020 due to the global pandemic, America's employment situation was incredibly strong. The unemployment rate in February 2020 was at a 50 year low of 3.5%. Unemployment rates were also at historic lows for Black or African Americans at 6.0%, Asian Americans at 2.4%, and Hispanic or Latino Americans at 4.4%.

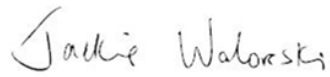
Returning to pre-pandemic employment levels requires policies focused on creating new jobs, protecting existing jobs, and reconnecting workers with their employers. We are very concerned that many policies currently being proposed will be complete job killers. Please provide the Administration's estimate of how many jobs its \$1.9 trillion package would create if enacted. This data is essential for members of Congress to have in advance of voting on any proposed Covid-relief legislation.

We appreciate your attention and look forward to your response. If you have any questions, please contact Ways and Means Committee Republican staff at (202) 225-4021.

Sincerely,



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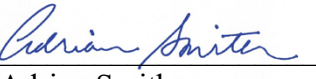
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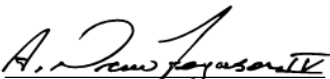
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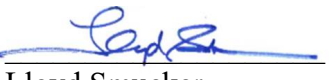
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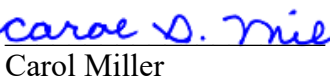
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