

## COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-107, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader Hoyer:

American families need our help and should not be penalized by the failures of Congress. Just yesterday, we moved through the House the 39<sup>th</sup> straight extension of our nation's cash assistance and services program, known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, because we are once again unable to move a longer-term extension or reauthorization of the program with much needed reforms. We are asking you to allow Chairman Neal and Worker and Family Support Subcommittee Chairman Davis to work with our colleagues on the Ways and Means Committee in a bipartisan manner to develop a long-term reauthorization that ensures this program focuses on helping individuals prepare for, find, and keep good jobs.

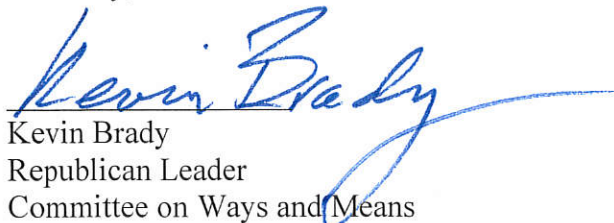
The status quo is not working. States have become complacent in not providing families with the support they need. To return the focus to families, we have introduced H.R. 1753, the *Jobs and Opportunities with Benefits and Services (JOBS) for Success Act*. The bill supports working families by increasing resources for child care and refocusing dollars back to supporting work, rather than allowing federal funds to be used to plug state budget holes. Finally, it moves away from process and focuses on outcomes, to ensure parents are not just getting, but *keeping* a job so more families can climb the economic ladder.

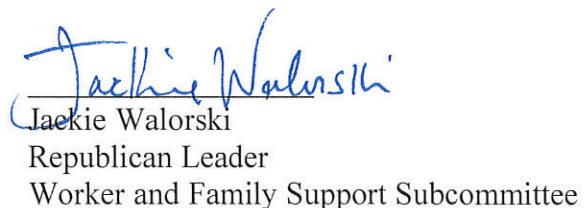
At a time when we have 7.5 million job openings and growing demand for workers that is driving wages up, we not only want every person to reach their full potential, we need them to. We have the opportunity to help families make economic and social gains in ways not seen in decades so they are better off financially, helping to improve their overall well-being in the near and long-term. Better wages and stable work bring along a host of benefits, most importantly the positive impact on children who are spared the trauma that comes from instability in the home.

Unfortunately, under Democratic leadership, we have yet to see any proposals to reform or improve this program. Instead of considering reforms, the Committee moved H.R. 2940 to the floor without holding a single hearing or markup.

We all want families to succeed and to achieve their American Dream. We look forward to working together to make this vision a reality.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin Brady  
Republican Leader  
Committee on Ways and Means

  
Jackie Walorski  
Republican Leader  
Worker and Family Support Subcommittee