



May 28, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable George Miller
Chairman, House Education and Labor
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Chairman Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR) to express our strong support for the Local Jobs for America Act, H.R. 4812. We appreciate Chairman Miller introducing this bill and believe that the funding it provides comes at a critical time for local governments.

IPMA-HR is a professional association representing the interests of public sector human resources professionals nationwide. A recent survey showed that 30 percent of IPMA-HR members are expecting layoffs this year. Local governments continue to be hit hard by the recession and the impact is felt both by the unemployed and by citizens facing reduced services.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics approximately 180,000 local government jobs have already been lost since August 2008. The Economic Policy Institute estimates that every 100 jobs lost in the public sector translates to 30 jobs lost in the private sector as a result of reduced spending income.

The bill would provide \$75 billion in aid to local governments to avoid further layoffs. We strongly support H.R. 4812 and appreciate your leadership in addressing the needs of local government employers and employees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neil E. Reichenberg".

Neil E. Reichenberg