



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Friend:

Thank you for writing me. Each day, I hear from concerned Americans who are struggling in this economy, and I appreciate your perspective.

Far too many families are experiencing financial hardship in today's recession—falling behind on mortgage payments, losing a job without warning, or struggling to secure much-needed loans. My Administration is working tirelessly on policies to repair the damage from this economic crisis and get our economy back on track.

We are implementing plans that will generate economic growth. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is saving or creating millions of jobs in infrastructure and green industries. It also provides a tax cut to 95 percent of working families and extends unemployment benefits and health care coverage to the unemployed. We have also implemented several programs to ensure that banks restart lending and to help homeowners avoid foreclosure. In addition, we are working to make our auto industry more competitive so that these jobs stay in the United States. To follow developments and track projects in your community, visit: www.recovery.gov.

As we work for an immediate recovery, we must also make long-term investments that generate sustained prosperity. Sound investments in education, health care, and energy will lay a new foundation for economic growth. They will make our workforce more skilled and competitive, create new jobs and industries, and reduce the cost of health care for families and businesses throughout the country. To learn about my economic plans, join me online at: www.whitehouse.gov/issues/economy. Information on jobs, health benefits, housing assistance, and other public resources available to those in need can be found by calling 1-(800)-FEDINFO or by visiting: www.usa.gov.

I am working every day to strengthen our economy so that all Americans can reach their highest aspirations and potential. Thank you again for contacting me.

Sincerely,