

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 4, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear President Obama,

We agree with your November 2, 2009, statement to your Economic Recovery Advisory Board that the "administration's overriding focus" is creating jobs, and your call for "bold, innovative action" to ensure additional American jobs. And we were glad to hear you say "[I]f somebody can show me a strategy that's going to work, then we are happy to consider it." We write to suggest just such a strategy.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) worksite enforcement actions save and create jobs for Americans and legal workers if the illegal immigrant workers are detained and deported. Each time ICE conducts a worksite enforcement action, there is an opportunity to ensure that jobs previously held by illegal immigrants are opened to legal workers.

American jobs continue to disappear at a staggering rate, and 15.1 million Americans are now out of work. At the same time, according to the most recent estimates from the Pew Hispanic Center, seven million jobs are held by illegal immigrants. Any action your administration takes to prevent illegal immigrants from getting jobs will help ensure that an American has a job. Worksite enforcement actions are the most effective way to do so.

Sincerely,





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