



Republicans callously refuse to extend help to jobless Americans

The heartless refusal by Republicans in the House of Representatives to schedule a vote to extend the expiring the 2009 Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program demonstrates a complete disregard for Americans who, through no fault of their own, find themselves jobless because of off-shoring of U.S. jobs.

For years TAA programs have helped keep American families afloat while they got the skills necessary to change careers after losing a job to foreign competition and having their lives turned upside down.

The 2009 TAA program will expire Saturday without congressional action.

UAW members should call their senators and representative immediately on the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and demand that the 2009 TAA program be extended.

Republicans don't mind playing political games with the lives of everyday Americans. First they blocked unemployment benefits until they could secure even more tax cuts for their wealthy benefactors. Now they want to let the 2009 TAA program expire. Instead of fixing what's wrong with the American economy, namely the lack of decent-paying jobs, Republicans are more determined than ever to continue fattening up corporate CEOs who are off-shoring jobs, cutting wages and giving themselves multi-million dollar bonuses.

Every working person knows that our economy is unbalanced and we need action to protect the middle class. Now it's up to lawmakers to act responsibly on behalf of American workers and businesses and to keep our economy from tumbling back into a tailspin.

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If tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans can be extended, then certainly help for jobless Americans who need a decent shot at economic survival can be extended.