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### President's Jobs Plan Should Look to Past Successes

President Obama recently spoke before a joint session of Congress to lay out a jobs plan. The President called for a \$450 billion package which includes many of the same spending policies that have failed to pull us out of our current economic struggles. I'm disappointed to report that he has indicated that he expects it to be paid for with massive tax hikes in the future. I'd like to share the direction I believe the President should pursue to restore the American economy and create jobs.

Our previous economic success has been accompanied by a commitment to the ingenuity and innovation of our entrepreneurs, a government that avoids picking winners and losers in the free market, and tax policies that allow American businesses to use their money to grow and hire workers instead of sending it off to Washington. Government spending will not lift us from this economic quagmire.

We need to restore certainty for small businesses and rebuild the confidence of consumers. In order to do so, we must eliminate the burdensome regulations and uncertain tax policies that have stalled our economy and job creation. In the short term, the President should submit to Congress for approval the three pending trade deals with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea – a move that the White House itself says will create 250,000 jobs. We should audit existing and pending regulations to identify and fix those that hinder economic growth. The House has already passed legislation that addresses the negative impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency's regulation of greenhouse gases, the Federal Communications Commission's net neutrality proposal, and duplicative and burdensome pesticide regulations. Read more about my solutions to get America back to work [here](#).

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## Recent Past

## **The Tenth Anniversary of September 11th**

I'd like to take this opportunity to share some thoughts about the tenth anniversary of the September 11 attacks. Ten years ago our nation faced a day of heartbreak – but one that revealed the bravery and resolve of our citizens. On that day we saw the face of bravery – in those who fought off hijackers on United Flight 93 in the face of certain death, in the police and firefighters who raced into the World Trade Center Towers and Pentagon as people fled, and countless others who joined the cause to help those in need. The unity that bound our nation together after that tragic day should be something to which we always aspire. In the months and years following September 11th, our men and women in uniform and in the intelligence community have worked tirelessly to protect our nation – we owe them a debt that we can never fully repay.

Thanks to them we have seen many of those responsible brought to justice – including the face of radical jihadists, Osama Bin Laden. It is because of their work and sacrifice, both abroad and here at home, that we have uncovered and denied dozens of murderous plots, removed terrorist sanctuaries, and find ourselves safer than we were a decade ago.

In commemorating the tenth anniversary of September 11th, we honor those we lost that day. We have not forgotten, we have not wavered, and we will not succumb to the captivity of fear. I have no doubt that our nation will triumph over radical jihadists and continue to boldly exhibit the character and strength that makes the United States a beacon of freedom across the globe.

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**Vice President Biden Expresses Sympathy for China's Inhumane One-Child Policy**

As a longtime advocate of human rights, I was disappointed that Vice President Joe Biden said recently that he “fully understand(s)” and “won’t second guess” China’s one-child policy. Under the policy, women in many areas of the country face heavy fines and are forced to abort their children (especially girls) if they become pregnant more than once. They also frequently undergo forced sterilizations. The stated purpose of the policy is to control population growth, and a reported 400 million births have been prevented since the policy was instituted in 1979. I believe our nation should condemn China’s one-child policy with moral clarity and consistency. Vice President Biden should have first and foremost boldly declared that China’s one-child policy is a repugnant violation of the human rights of women and girls. The failure to condemn the policy on moral grounds signaled that the United States is apathetic towards, and even condones, the policy. While Vice President Biden subsequently released a statement saying that he does have moral objections to the policy, I believe the cause of human rights would have been better served if he had explicitly condemned the policy when talking directly to the people of China.

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## Northern California News and Events

### **Town Hall in Redding**

I held a town hall meeting in Redding recently that provided an excellent opportunity to hear from North State residents. We discussed many issues facing our nation, including the debt crisis, the state of our economy, and the steps policymakers should take to restore America’s greatness. While Americans don’t always agree on solutions, it is a testament to the strength of our nation that we are free to express our opinions without fear of reprisal. I thank all those who came out to the event and I look forward to holding our next round of “telephone town halls” this fall.

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## **Chico Main Street Walk and Talk**

Recently I had the opportunity to join Jolene Francis from the Chico Chamber of Commerce and Heather Keag from the Downtown Business Association in visiting several small businesses in downtown Chico. This was an excellent opportunity to hear directly from local employers regarding what Washington needs to do to foster conditions that are conducive to job growth.



I enjoyed talking with Hal and Nancy Carlson, owners of Powell's Sweet Shoppe about their concerns regarding the impact of burdensome regulations on small businesses. I look forward to conducting similar visits throughout Northern California to learn more from our local business owners about the barriers to job creation as we work to get our economy back on track.

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## **Redding Chamber of Commerce Honors Local Small Business Owners**

It was my pleasure to join with the Greater Redding business community in honoring Chris and

Erin Resner, owners of Dutch Bros. Coffee. This husband-and-wife team has built a successful, growing drive-thru coffee franchise and they were honored recently as recipients of the Virgil Covington Legacy Award. I was pleased to talk to them about their views on the current business environment and how they have managed their success in a tough economy.



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I recently had the privilege of touring the newly rebuilt Trinity River Lumber Mill in the heart of Weaverville. In September 2009, the mill burnt to the ground when a welder's torch sparked a blaze and emergency water systems failed to stop the fire. General Manager Dee Sanders explained to me the risk that the Schmidbauer family took when they reinvested in the mill during these tough economic times. In doing so, the Schmidbauers not only invested in their business; they invested in the entire community. In representing Trinity County over the years, I have recognized the huge impact Trinity River Lumber has on the community, including providing well paying jobs and donating to the local school system.



Dee explained to me the challenges that timber companies are facing these days with onerous regulations and fringe groups hampering timber harvesting on our federal lands through frivolous lawsuits. I am committed to keeping the pressure on the US Forest Service to increase

timber production. I will also continue to work with local timber producers to implement commonsense solutions like the Quincy Library Group program and reforming the well-intentioned but outdated Endangered Species Act. If we can do that and eliminate other burdensome regulations, we can put people back to work in our national forests.

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