

Jobs and a Sustained Recovery

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February 17th marked the one-year anniversary of the signing of the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act \(ARRA\)](#)

. Although there is much work to be done to sustain the positive impact on the economy, the Recovery Act has been a major factor in saving or creating jobs, boosting the economy, and is [credited with preventing economic disaster](#)

. I have heard from many of my constituents about the Recovery Act, and I ask that you continue to contact my office and tell your story as Congress works towards passing a Jobs Bill. The Recovery Act funds have already saved nearly 2 million jobs and are on-track to support 3.5 million jobs by the end of this year. I ask for your help in making sure Congress supports real and lasting job opportunities for Americans to provide for their families.

ARRA Can Help Deal With Challenges We Still Face

Many people are looking for jobs or support. You can search for [opportunities through the Recovery.gov](#) website, which will connect you to many other resources. ARRA also provides many opportunities for [Personal and Small Business Loans](#) which may help you or someone you know.

If you have insight or knowledge of persons and/or organizations committing [Fraud, Waste or Abuse](#) of ARRA funded contracts/grants/loans, please submit your observation on the Recovery.gov website.

ARRA provides for \$288 Billion worth of personal tax benefits and credits. Please visit the

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Recovery.gov or IRS.gov for more information on [Tax Credits and Other Personal Benefits](#) .

Recovery Successes

The [City of Campbell 2009 Budget Report](#) on page 11 states, "The Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has been instrumental in providing direct stimulus funding to cities and other government jurisdictions to assist in their economic recovery efforts. Consequently, the City will be able to fund several public works projects as a result of receiving these funds."

A recent Bloomberg news article noted, "A drop in unemployment and a longer workweek last month signal the economy is poised to generate jobs, which will lead to gains in income that may further lift demand." [[Bloomberg, 2/12/2010](#)]

The [Washington Post](#) , noted on 01/31/2010 that, "Any Congress that passed all these items separately would be considered enormously productive. Instead, this Congress did it in one bill." The article goes on list several other accomplishments such as [expanding children's health insurance](#) and a [credit card holders' bill of rights](#) .

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The Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis released a statement indicating that California is set to receive over \$56.5 million in ARRA funds as, “part of a federal initiative to build capacity to enable widespread meaningful use of health IT.”

These news stories are great indicators at the national level, but I hear every day from my constituents about the tough choices families make about everything from healthcare to their children’s education. I will continue to work hard to help sustain the positive impact that ARRA is having on jobs and the economy and more importantly, your family.

*ARRA Benefits to Local Businesses and Cities – **Partial List!!***

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