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May 5, 2009

Honorable George Miller
Chairman
Education and Labor Committee
2181 Rayburn House Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Honorable Miller:

SUBJECT: HR.2187-111

The economic downturn has disproportionately hit the building and construction trades, we now face over a quarter of our workforce unemployed, underemployed or discouraged.

H.R. 2187 will provide economic relief in the short term by putting hard working skilled painters' glazers' floor covers and dry wall finishers to work.

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades believe that the quickest way to turn the economy around is to create jobs rebuilding and renovating public schools.

The summer months are the best time to rebuild America's Schools, while our children are out of school we can turn around the American economy while simultaneously allowing our children to return to school in the fall newly retrofitted green schools.

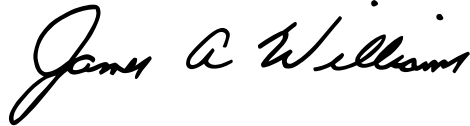
By focusing further economic stimulus, on our much needed school repairs, we will create 42,100 jobs or 82,095,000 man-hours of work for every billion dollars invested, while providing an enhanced learning environment for schoolchildren nationwide, who represent the future of our economy.

Investment now will show results in the economy before Labor Day, because hardworking men and woman will be employed with good paying jobs allowing them to reinvest the money into the economy.

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades endorses Chairman Millers investment in creating 21st Century Green Schools

and urges the Education and Labor Committee to pass the legislation to put building and construction workers back to work and jumpstart our faltering economy.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J" and a dot over the "i" in "Williams".

James A. Williams
General President

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