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May 11, 2010

Congressman George Miller  
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Washington, DC 20515  
Fax: 202-225-5609

**RE: H.R. 4812 (Miller) Local Jobs for America Act.**  
**NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Congressman Miller,

On behalf of the City of Walnut Creek, I write to express our strong support for H.R. 4812, the Local Jobs for America Act, and thank you for signing on as a co-sponsor of this important legislation.

The Local Jobs for America Act is an efficient response that provides just the kind of help our cities need now. This bill would direct \$75 billion to local communities hardest hit by the recession to save jobs and hire vital staff and \$500 million for approximately 50,000 on-the-job private sector training positions. In addition, the bill includes nearly \$25 billion to support education, firefighting and law enforcement jobs.

The stark reality is that economic conditions continue to worsen for local governments across the country with many local governments experiencing or projecting record budget shortfalls and being forced to institute layoffs, furloughs, service reductions, and fee increases. For example, our own city is facing a 10-15% reduction in staff, projected revenues at 1999 levels, and major cuts to programs and services valued by our community.

The Local Jobs for America Act is an important short-term step towards goals we know you share: keeping police officers, firefighters, and teachers on the job, restoring critical services that have been cut, and creating new jobs that meet local needs. It also importantly recognized that, in addition to the actions local leaders are taking to steer their communities through the recession, local governments need help, and that public sector employees contribute valuable services that are indispensable to our economy and our recovery.

We appreciate what you do to help cities and towns in our state. As such, the City of Walnut Creek urges you to continue to support and co-sponsor the Local Jobs for America Act, H.R. 4218.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Rainey".

Susan M. Rainey  
Mayor  
City of Walnut Creek

cc: Walnut Creek City Council  
Congressman John Garamendi, District 10  
Dan Carrigg, Legislative Director, League of California Cities