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LEGISLATIVE ALERT!

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I am writing to urge you to support H.R. 6517, the Omnibus Trade Act of 2010, as amended, when it comes to the floor for a vote. The legislation includes critically important provisions reauthorizing the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) programs.

As part of the stimulus package in 2009, important expansions were made to TAA for Workers program, including coverage of service workers under the program. In addition, the expanded TAA program broadens coverage of workers whose firms shift production to non-FTA partner countries, and increased training and case management funding. The 2009 reforms also created the TAA for Communities program.

These important changes will expire should Congress fail to act before adjourning. H.R. 6517, as amended, would extend these Trade Adjustment Assistance program reforms through June 30, 2012.

In these difficult economic times, struggling American families need all the assistance available. The AFL-CIO urges you to support H.R. 6517.

Sincerely,

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