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Available for State of the Union Commentary: Experts on the Unemployment Crisis and Job Creation

Washington— Leading spokespeople for Jobs for America Now, the broad coalition of 64 national groups organizing to put America back to work, will be available for comment on President Obama's State of the Union address Wednesday evening and throughout the day Thursday.

“The number one issue people all across the country are talking about is jobs and Washington needs to get on board,” said Alan Charney, campaign manager for [Jobs for America Now](#). “Nearly 16 million Americans are looking for work. People are hurting and yet some in Washington are simply focused on deficit reduction and reducing spending. This won't create jobs or put food on a family's dinner table. What will lower the deficit is creating jobs immediately, putting America back to work, and preventing layoffs of state and local employees who provide critical services in our communities.”

The following spokespeople will be available for comment late Wednesday and Thursday:

Larry Mishel, President, Economic Policy Institute
Deepak Bhargava, Executive Director, Center for Community Change
Alan Charney, Campaign Director, Jobs for America Now
Deborah Weinstein, Executive Director, Coalition on Human Needs

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****Note to media**:** These four experts will present a webinar on the current job crisis at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. To register for the webinar, please visit www.bostonconference.com/chn

Jobs for America Now, supports a five-point jobs plan that would:

- Provide relief through continued and expanded unemployment benefits, COBRA and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). This relief aids those without jobs while at the same time creating jobs by boosting consumer spending.
- Extend substantial fiscal relief to state and local governments. Without this aid, state and local governments will have to cut their budgets, budget cuts that would lead to substantial job losses in both the public and private sector.
- Create jobs that put people to work helping communities meet pressing needs, including in distressed communities that face severe unemployment.

- Invest in infrastructure improvements in schools, transportation and energy efficiency, thus providing jobs in the short run and productivity enhancements in the longer run.
- Spur private-sector job growth through innovative incentives and providing credit to small and medium-sized businesses.

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Jobs for America Now is a nationwide campaign of more than sixty groups organizing to put America back to work. For a complete list of participating organizations visit www.jobs4americanow.org