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SUBJECT: Support for Transitional Subsidized Employment Program

Dear Honorable Elected Official:

As an enrolled participant in the Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) program I am writing to request that you support continued funding and an extended deadline for this vital economic development project. It provides practical assistance to people who are looking for work during the recession. What is especially important to me and my family is the opportunity for me to earn a wage while I learn new skills that contribute to the success of my employer's business.

I understand that the wage subsidy, which is part of the TSE program, was a key factor in my employer's decision to participate in the program. Sometimes employers would like to hire a new worker but worry about taking on an individual who may not turn out to be a good fit with the company. Because of TSE, businesses can afford to give job seekers like me the opportunity to demonstrate that we have the skills they need and the ability to add value to their operations before they hire us permanently. Unfortunately, in our area many employers are still struggling to stay afloat and others are laying off. Ending this program now would be premature. It could result in another setback for employers and additional hardship for TSE workers and their families.

Please support the extension of funding for the Transitional Subsidized Employment Program. It is important for our unemployed residents and our business community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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