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SUBJECT: Extend Emergency Fund for Transitional Subsidized Employment

Dear Honorable Elected Official:

I am writing to inform you of the continuing need for federal workforce development and job training programs in the cities we serve. In particular, we need to extend Emergency Funds for Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) programs such as work experience and on-the-job training. These programs provide double value; workers acquire vital skills and there are incentives for businesses to train and “audition” potential employees. Unfortunately, in some states (including California) these programs got a late start due to the delayed receipt of funds.

At 12.4%, the unemployment rate in the City of Carson is currently higher than the state's and home foreclosures due to job losses continue to affect residents. As Carson's partner in the effort to restore its economic health, the _____ encourages area businesses to work with One-Stop Career Centers and other local agencies that help workers develop and improve the skills needed by our employers. In fact, the _____ itself has had the privilege of employing_____exceptional individuals who are enrolled in this program. We urge you to extend the Emergency Fund deadlines and continue funding for TSE programs.

We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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