

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Price:

Last month, the House passed the bipartisan CARES Act, which provided Americans, small businesses, and industries with much-needed stimulus to help those in need and our economy during COVID-19 lockdowns across the country. Unfortunately, one of the bill's provisions included an unintended consequence. The CARES Act authorized payment of \$600 per week in addition to standard unemployment insurance. This policy has resulted in many U.S. workers facing a reduction in income if they return to work.

I've received numerous calls from small businesses struggling to rehire their former employees. The current policy disincentivizes returning to work and slows our economic recovery. As our country begins to reopen, it's time to get our economy back on track. That's why I've introduced the Jump-Start the American Economy Act, which would allow workers to continue to receive the additional \$600 per week even after they've attained new employment until the expiration of the benefit on July 31. The bill would remove the disincentive from work without taking anything away from workers.

Long-term unemployment has harmful consequences for individuals and for the U.S. economy. Returning to work should not put Americans in a worse-off financial situation. The Jump-Start the American Economy Act will help get Americans back to work and restore our economy's strength and security.

If you or a family member are facing unemployment or searching for a job, these resources may help: To apply for unemployment, please visit the Texas Workforce Commission's website at <http://twc.texas.gov>. To access thousands

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Dan Crenshaw
Member of Congress