

Rep. Tlaib offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 172.**

A resolution to memorialize Congress to enact an extension of federal unemployment benefits.

Whereas, Unemployment benefits represent one of the most important elements of the safety net our country has established to help our fellow citizens during a period of great personal challenge. This system, a partnership that expresses the notion that all workers are important to our national economy, is recognized for its impact in helping individuals and families avoid falling into abject poverty when a job is lost. The impact of our unemployment benefits system has been felt by millions of families over the years, and its value has been especially evident in the past few years, as our economy has experienced fundamental restructuring; and

Whereas, Without swift action by the Congress, federal unemployment benefits are slated to expire at the end of 2011. Should this occur, more than 2 million Americans will see this lifeline end in January. It is estimated as many as 6 million will lose benefits in 2012. Beyond the obvious devastation such a scenario would mean to those without jobs who would lose this help, local communities and states would suffer greatly, and the feeble recovery in progress would likely be jeopardized; and

Whereas, Unlike many other programs, the impact of unemployment benefits is immediate and widespread. Unemployment benefit funds are among the most targeted expenditures that can be made. These funds provide an economic stimulus that is felt at every level. Families struggling because of unemployment have no choice but to spend this money immediately on life's daily needs. Money invested in American workers this way is not salted away into savings or invested overseas; it goes almost directly into the local economy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to enact an extension of federal unemployment benefits; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.