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To: U.S. House of Representatives and Senate

We, the undersigned, call on our elected representatives, to develop and pass legislation to create 100,000 jobs to rebuild the Gulf Coast!

Katrina damaged over 200,000 Gulf Coast homes, and destroyed schools, hospitals, roads, community centers, bridges, parks, and forest lands. So far, our government's response to this unprecedented disaster has been ineffective and weak. Of the 101,000 Louisianans who have applied for aid to rebuild their homes, only a handful of people have received grants.

Today, the Gulf Coast is in crisis. There is an urgent need to jump-start the rebuilding process. What is needed is a "rebuilding surge" in New Orleans and in southern Mississippi.

The Gulf Coast Civic Works Project is the national effort to develop federal legislation to create 100,000 jobs for Gulf Coast residents to rebuild their communities. During the Great Depression, when the United States faced a crisis, our country created 800,000 jobs in two weeks, and 4 million jobs in two months. These public workers built or repaired 2,500 hospitals, 6,000 schools, 13,000 playgrounds, and even built the Golden Gate Bridge.

A WPA-like program rebuilt our country in the 1930s; it can do the same today for the Gulf Coast. I urge you to support the introduction of legislation based on the Gulf Coast Civic Works Project.

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