

# Update

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Dear Friend,

Over the past six months, the 111th Congress has worked with President Obama to take America in a New Direction, to turn our economy around, and to create good jobs with common-sense reforms and targeted investments.

As a result of swift congressional action on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 95 percent of American workers are already seeing a tax cut in their paychecks, and seniors and disabled veterans are receiving recovery payments—one-time payments of \$250 to more than 50 million individuals who receive Social Security and SSI benefits.

We now turn our attention to the priority of ensuring quality, affordable health care for Californians and people throughout the nation. Democrats in Congress and the Obama administration want to reduce your health care costs, offer you the choice of doctors and plans, and guarantee high-quality, accessible health care for all.

Congress is closer than ever before to passing comprehensive health insurance reform. I am confident that in September, Congress will pass legislation that puts Americans and their doctors back in charge, holds insurance companies accountable, guarantees stability and peace of mind, lowers costs, and provides more choices for higher-quality care.

The House legislation would provide significant benefits to San Franciscans, including ensuring that up to **22,000 small businesses** could receive tax credits to provide coverage to their employees, and that **8,100 seniors** would avoid the “donut hole” in Medicare Part D. In addition, the bill would provide access to high-quality, affordable health insurance to **tens of thousands** of uninsured San Franciscans.

We will not rest in our efforts to restore the American dream for all of our nation’s families. We will strengthen our economy, create good jobs and finally make health care a reality for all. As always, I look forward to hearing from you on this and other issues of concern to you.

Sincerely,

*Nancy Pelosi*



CONGRESSWOMAN PELOSI  
TOURS THE HOLY FAMILY  
DAY HOME TO DISCUSS  
CHILD CARE FUNDING  
IN THE RECOVERY ACT.

# REBUILDING OUR ECONOMY



**CONGRESSWOMAN PELOSI MEETS WITH CHINESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY LEADERS TO DISCUSS FUNDING IN THE RECOVERY ACT.**

## LIM POON LEE POST OFFICE ACT

In July, I introduced, and the House passed, the Lim Poon Lee Post Office Act, commemorating the life of the first Chinese American Postmaster in the United States.

President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Lim P. Lee Postmaster of San Francisco in 1966. At the time, it was the highest federal appointive post ever held by a Chinese American. Lee transformed the face of San Francisco's postal service, increasing the hiring of female, minority and disabled postal employees. By dedicating the post office located at 867 Stockton Street in San Francisco's Chinatown as the "Lim Poon Lee Post Office," we honor the life of a committed public servant and a proud American.

**the** 111th Congress swiftly took action to protect America's middle-class families during this time of economic uncertainty. We passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, legislation designed to create and save more than 3.5 million jobs, as well as jumpstart our economy and transform it for the 21st century. There is still a long way to go, but the Recovery Act is beginning to help communities and businesses across the country save jobs and put people back to work, while making critical investments in technology and infrastructure to build the foundation of our economic recovery.

The recovery package will not only improve our economy nationally, but will also save and create jobs locally to help struggling workers in San Francisco. An estimated 395,000 California jobs, 7,400 of them in San Francisco, will be created or saved over the next two years due to the passage of the recovery package. San Francisco has already received many essential investments for our city's recovery, including:

### HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

► \$50 million to rebuild Doyle Drive and an additional \$11.35 million for paving and renovation projects on Turk Street, Jones Street, Geary Boulevard, Divisadero Street, 7th Avenue and Laguna Honda Boulevard.

### TRANSIT:

- \$124.3 million invested in Bay Area transit capital improvement projects, including:
  - \$67 million to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency,
  - \$48 million for Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and
  - \$9.3 million for Caltrain.

### SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

► \$20.5 million allocated for improvements at San Francisco International Airport, including the reconstruction of Runway 28R-10L, modifications to Terminal 2, and projects that will benefit airlines and passengers alike.

### FUNDING FOR THE ARTS:

► \$1.5 million to 37 different organizations in San Francisco that represent dancers, writers, painters and filmmakers—preserving jobs that are threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support.

### PUBLIC SAFETY:

► \$16.5 million granted to the city of San Francisco to hire police officers to promote public safety and prevent crime.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS:

► \$1 million in additional funding for the Mission Neighborhood Health Center.



**CONGRESSWOMAN PELOSI SPEAKS AT THE MISSION NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO ON THE RECOVERY ACT'S INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS.**



**CONGRESSWOMAN PELOSI VISITS STUDENTS AT SAN FRANCISCO'S MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ACADEMIC MIDDLE SCHOOL TO DISCUSS EDUCATION FUNDING IN THE RECOVERY ACT.**

### EDUCATION:

► Increases in college tax credits as well as the maximum Pell Grant, a provision that will benefit more than 740,000 California students.

### NATIONAL PARKS:

► More than \$17.2 million to improve and modernize San Francisco's national parks, including Fort Point, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park.

### CHILD CARE:

► More than \$200 million for child care in California so that working families do not fall behind when parents are forced to work longer hours to make ends meet.

### HOUSING:

- \$17.9 million allocated for repair work at more than a dozen San Francisco Housing Authority properties.
- \$3 million granted to the city of San Francisco for the removal of dangerous lead-based paint from low-income homes, benefiting 300 children living in units with lead hazards, providing 150 children with blood lead testing, and reaching 2,500 individuals through community lead hazard awareness activities.
- \$8.7 million to provide short-term rental assistance for San Francisco's homeless and to prevent others from losing their homes.

## CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Do you have a concern with a federal agency or problem obtaining your federal benefits?

As your Representative in Congress, it is my privilege to provide you with a variety of services, such as assistance with the following federal agencies:

- Social Security, SSI & Medicare
- Internal Revenue Service
- Public Housing
- Student Loans
- Veterans Benefits
- Federal Employees
- Military Personnel
- Postal Service
- Immigration, Citizenship, Visa & Passport Services
- Federal Prisons

For more information or to make an appointment with a caseworker, please call (415) 556-4862 or fill out the contact form on my website at [www.house.gov/pelosi/contact/contact.html](http://www.house.gov/pelosi/contact/contact.html).



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### COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS



**CONGRESSWOMAN PELOSI  
SPEAKS ABOUT CLEAN  
ENERGY AT THE ELLA HILL  
HUTCH COMMUNITY CENTER  
IN SAN FRANCISCO.**

## CLEAN ENERGY: AN INVESTMENT IN THE NEXT GENERATION

Creating a new energy policy and addressing the global climate crisis is a moral, environmental, health, economic and national security issue that has profound implications for future generations.

As Speaker of the House, I have made energy independence my flagship issue. The 111th Congress has made clean energy a priority, including the authorization of \$69 billion to be invested in clean energy. The critical event, however, was House passage of historic and transformative legislation—the American Clean Energy and Security Act.

This legislation will unleash private-sector investment in clean energy to create millions of new jobs, help America achieve energy independence, break our addiction to foreign oil, cut pollution, and make America the global innovation leader—while saving low-income Americans an estimated \$40 a year on energy costs.

I hope to have this bill on President Obama's desk before climate negotiators gather in December to work on a successor to the 1997 Kyoto treaty.