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Dear Senator:

The AFL-CIO supports the passage of S. 782, The Economic Development Revitalization Act of 2011. For nearly five decades, the Economic Development Administration has played an often unheralded but important role in creating jobs and spurring economic growth in economically distressed communities.

The public investments supported by this legislation make a little funding go a long way by leveraging private dollars in support of these projects. Resources for technical assistance and research, infrastructure, and assisting in the development and implementation of economic development strategies helps revitalize communities. EDA has established an admirable track record in assisting economically troubled low income communities with limited job opportunities by putting their investments to good use in promoting needed job creation and industrial and commercial development.

Today, when the lack of jobs and income stagnation are the primary issues facing this nation, S. 782 is a bipartisan bill that can help make a difference. We urge Congress to pass The Economic Development Revitalization Act of 2011.

Sincerely,

William Samuel, Director
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