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Asm. Manuel Pérez Voices his Support for American Jobs Act

(SACRAMENTO) – Today, Assemblymember V. Manuel Pérez (D-Coachella), chair of the California Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy, released the following statement in support of the President's American Jobs Act:

The President has put before Congress an American Jobs Act (AJA) that offers practical, workable, long-term solutions that will help American families achieve greater economic security. Representing a part of the country that has experienced unemployment levels above 20% throughout the recession, I hold no illusions that there is any quick fix to our economic challenges. The one thing I know, however, is that the American people are hungry to work.

The proposals contained in the AJA will create jobs and prevent layoffs in key sectors of the economy. It will help families get back on their feet and regain a position in the middle class. Tax relief for small businesses will keep their doors open and workers employed. Tax cuts for workers mean more income in the household to meet basic needs. At the same time, long overdue investments will modernize our schools and highways and invest in people through training and education.

The AJA draws on bipartisan ideas, and it deserves bipartisan support. Importantly, it has a funding plan, meaning it will not add to the deficit and will be funded by cuts made by the bipartisan Joint Committee on Deficit Reduction. I am pleased to add my name as a supporter of this jobs plan, and I encourage my fellow Americans to get behind it by urging Congress to move quickly. In rebuilding our economy, we can restore confidence in the promise of America.

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California Assemblymember V. Manuel Pérez serves as the chair of the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy. He represents the 80th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Blythe, Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Springs, and Westmorland.