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Oppose H.R. 1, the Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the BlueGreen Alliance, our fourteen national labor and environmental partners, and the over 14 million people they represent, I strongly urge you to oppose H.R. 1, the Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011.

There is fiscal responsibility and there is fiscal insanity. Drastic cuts like those proposed in this CR would lead to nearly **1 million jobs lost**.¹ At a time when we still have unemployment hovering at 9 percent, cutting another million people off the payroll could send America past the recession we came from and straight into a depression.

Compare this with the Fiscal Year 2012 budget President Obama just released. Included are some painful cuts in vital programs, some of which we do not support. But it also continues America on a path of growth and investment, especially in vital areas of clean energy and infrastructure. It does this while significantly reducing our deficit to stable levels by the middle of this decade. It is an honest and thoughtful approach.

This CR is the opposite of thoughtful. It would gut the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program, the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to ensure that we have clean air and clean water, investments in transportation infrastructure, and vital worker health and safety programs and safeguards. This past election, we heard a lot of talk about jobs, jobs, jobs. This CR is exactly about that, but instead of creating jobs, it will destroy jobs and put the American Economy in reverse.

Vote no on H.R. 1, and pass a CR and a budget that *creates* jobs.

Sincerely,



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¹ http://www.epi.org/analysis_and_opinion/entry/6756/