

REACTION TO FORD VETO OF EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT ACT

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I am deeply disappointed that President Ford has seen fit to veto the Emergency Employment Act which was overwhelmingly approved by the Congress. The United States is in tough economic straits and therefore requires tough solutions.

This Act intends to provide one million full and part-time jobs and 840,000 summer jobs. Both Lawrence and Lowell which have had consistently high unemployment rates for a long period of time can only benefit from this legislation. The Emergency Employment Act is vital to the nation's economic welfare; it can help the ailing public works industries, as well as boost community services and economic development programs. While millions of Americans are out of work, President Ford's veto could not be more untimely.

I intend to vote to override the President's veto of the Emergency Employment Act and anticipate the majority of my colleagues will do the same.