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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6175

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Senator Jim Bunning  
316 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bunning:

I want to make sure you are aware that as a result of your objections to a short-term extension of unemployment insurance, COBRA, and other help for people who have lost their jobs, not only are 1 million people – including 201,000 Californians – losing their unemployment benefits, but the Department of Transportation has now furloughed without pay nearly 2,000 workers.

This is completely unacceptable. It is hurting people in your state, in my state and all across the country.

As a consequence of the furloughs, federal inspectors will be removed from critical construction projects across the nation, and work is already shutting down. I am attaching the Department of Transportation's list of some of the affected projects, which includes critical construction work in 17 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

We can't have an economic recovery if people can't make ends meet and if transportation projects grind to a halt. I am writing to you as Chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee to ask you to stop this gamesmanship and remove your objection to the extension of the transportation authorization and unemployment benefits.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer

## Federal Lands Construction Affected By Furlough

State	Project	Cost
Alaska	Tongass National Forest road clean up	\$1,100,000
Alaska	Coffman Cove Dock construction	\$885,000
Arizona	Coronado National Monument main park entrance	\$1,500,000
Arkansas	East Fly Gap and Gunner Pool Roads landslides restoration	\$923,000
California	Sequoia National Park main entrance	\$15,000,000
California	South Fork Smith River	\$13,800,000
California	Golden Gate National Recreation Area road construction	\$8,700,000
District of Columbia	9th Street Bridge replacement	\$50,000,000
Georgia	Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park construction	\$634,000
Idaho	Salmon River Road Nez Perce National Forest construction	\$20,133,000
Idaho	Little Salmon River Bridge Nez Perce National Forest intersection	\$3,800,000
Idaho	Fernan Lakes Idaho Panhandle National Forest	\$14,600,000
Illinois	McRaven Road reconstruction	\$1,100,000
Maryland	Great Falls Park entrance road construction	\$3,100,000
Maryland	Piscataway National Park erosion and slope damage repair	\$89,000
Mississippi	Natchez Trace Parkway resurfacing	\$8,100,000
Mississippi	Natchez Trace Parkway trail construction (Ridgeland County)	5,600,000
Mississippi	Vicksburg National Military Park road rehabilitation and resurfacing	\$5,000,000
Mississippi	Natchez Trace Parkway trail construction (Madison County)	\$4,700,000
New Mexico	Carlsbad Caverns National Monument roadway rehabilitation	\$9,000,000
North Carolina	Newfound Gap road rehabilitation	\$9,900,000
North Carolina	Blue Ridge Parkway reconstruction and resurfacing	\$6,000,000
North Carolina	Goshen Creek Bridge replacement	\$3,000,000
Ohio	Fitzwater Road bridges replacement	\$4,400,000
Oregon	Beaver Creek Road Ochoco National Forest	\$6,200,000
South Carolina	Ft. Sumter Historic Site entrance road and parking area rehabilitation	\$262,000
Tennessee	Cades Cove Loop Road rehabilitation	\$6,700,000
Tennessee	Shilo National Park tour roads and parking area rehabilitation	\$3,000,000
Tennessee	Catossa Wildlife Management Area bridge replacement	\$1,000,000
Utah	Bear River Access Road	\$13,800,000
Virginia/DC	George Washington Parkway Humpback Bridge replacement	\$36,000,000
Virginia	Blue Ridge Parkway reconstruction and resurfacing	\$12,000,000
Virginia	Petersburg Park tour road relocation	\$1,500,000
Puerto Rico	Vieques National Wildlife Refuge road and bridge reconstruction	\$6,000,000
Puerto Rico	El Yunque National Forest slide repair	\$3,000,000
U.S. Virgin Islands	Christiansted Bypass construction	\$14,000,000
U.S. Virgin Islands	Centerline Road reconstruction	\$9,000,000
U.S. Virgin Islands	St. John roundabout construction	\$7,200,000
U.S. Virgin Islands	Long Bay Road reconstruction	\$5,500,000
U.S. Virgin Islands	University of Virgin Island sidewalk construction	\$988,000
U.S. Virgin Islands	North Shore Road reconstruction	\$448,000

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Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2010/dot3610.htm>