

Five Ways our Community Will Benefit from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Providing tax relief to working Kansans

- Nearly 1.1 million workers in the state of Kansas will receive a Making Work Pay tax credit -- \$400 per worker earning up to \$100,000 and \$800 for married couples earning up to \$200,000 - that is designed to pay out immediately into worker's paychecks.
- 151,000 working Kansas families will also benefit from the expansion of the Child Tax Credit.
- Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) relief for more than 26 million middle-class families, including over 62,000 in the Third District

Creating educational opportunities for our kids

- Kansas will receive an additional \$195 million in funding for education programs over the next two years, along with millions in funding for the modernization of K-12 schools and university facilities in the state.
- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act also creates a partially refundable "American Opportunity Tax Credit" of up to \$2,500 that will benefit an additional 33,000 students in the state of Kansas.
- 66,000 college students in the state of Kansas will benefit from a \$500 increase in the maximum Pell grant award, making the cost of higher education more affordable for working families.

Improving our roads, bridges, and transit systems

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act includes \$36.8 billion to improve our nation's roads, bridges, and transit systems. Of that amount, the state of Kansas will receive nearly \$336 million to fund high priority transportation projects in our state.

Transforming our nation's energy system

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act invests \$11 billion to bring tens of thousands of miles of new, high voltage transmission capacity online, and begin the implementation of "smart grid" technologies, which will help the state of Kansas expand its capacity to produce and distribute renewable energies, such as wind.
- The bill also provides \$20 billion in tax incentives to spur research and investment in renewable and alternative energy and create jobs, including incentives for Kansas families to make energy efficient improvements to their homes.

Helping our neighbors who have lost good-paying jobs

- In From June to December 2008, 15,000 workers in the state of Kansas lost their jobs. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is designed to stem this tide of job loss by saving and creating jobs - including 33,000 in the state of Kansas over the next two years - getting our economy moving again, and transforming it for long-term growth and stability.
- It also extends unemployment insurance to help bridge the gap until they find new jobs, and makes it easier for those who have lost their jobs to keep their health insurance.