

Dear Friends,

These past few months have been among the toughest our country has faced in generations. Throughout Vermont, hardworking men and women find themselves struggling with uncertainty - wondering whether they'll be able to hold on to their jobs, provide for their families and pay the next month's rent.

Times are tough - and there will be no easy fix. Though it may take years for us to fully regain our footing, there is much we can do in the short term to invest in our country and restore confidence in our economy.

President Obama and the Congress have taken an important step in restoring our economy and putting people back to work by enacting the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Over the course of two years, this legislation will invest \$787 billion in education, health care, transportation infrastructure and alternative energy, while reducing the tax burden on middle class families.

In order to help Vermonters better understand the many provisions and opportunities in the ARRA, my office has assembled this guide as a helpful resource. **User's Guide to Economic Recovery Resources** compiles information on programs funded by the ARRA and opportunities available to individuals, communities and businesses in Vermont. Please feel free to give my office a toll-free call at (888) 605-7270 if you have any questions at all.

Sincerely,

Peter Welch  
Member of Congress



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