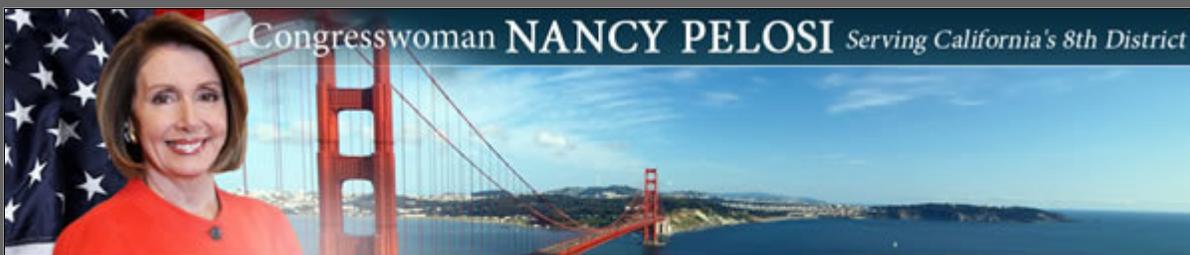


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Dear Friend:

After nearly a year in the majority, the House Republican Leadership has yet to address the number one priority of the American people – job creation. Instead of working to put the American people back to work, their time as leaders in Congress has been marked by missed opportunities. In order to protect tax breaks for the wealthy and those that ship jobs overseas, they have failed to bring forth a jobs agenda and have focused on proposals that undermine programs working to preserve the health, education and well-being of all Americans. This past spring, House Democrats stood united against the [Republican effort to end Medicare as we know it](#). Their plan immediately raises costs for seniors, cuts funding for Medicare and forces many vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities to buy private insurance with a voucher that decreases in value each year.

My Democratic colleagues and I are committed to initiatives that promote job creation, strengthen the middle class, and reduce our deficit. Over the last three months, I have met with over 50 San Francisco small businesses to get their perspective on how we can best foster the creation of jobs and aid our economic recovery. Our "[Make It In America](#)" initiative, working alongside President Obama's [American Jobs Act](#), will invest in innovation and technology, level the playing field with China and other trading partners, and rebuild our nation's crumbling infrastructure. Our [big, bold, and balanced plans](#) include extending [the payroll tax cut](#) and unemployment insurance, measures that put money in the pockets of working families, create jobs and spur economic growth.

It is a privilege to represent San Francisco in Congress. This year, I was proud to help secure a [Choice Neighborhoods grant](#) of \$30.5 million to redevelop and reinvigorate Alice Griffith and Hunters Point and to pass into law the America's Cup Act of 2011 to ensure the success of the 34th America's Cup, hosted by our beautiful city. As we celebrated the long-overdue end of the discriminatory '[Don't Ask, Don't Tell](#)' policy and the 20th anniversary of the AIDS Memorial Grove this fall, I was pleased to lead my colleagues in filing an [Amicus Brief](#) to the Supreme Court arguing against the so-called Defense of Marriage Act. Just last week, we marked [the official end to the war in Iraq](#), bringing our troops home in time for the holidays and ending a war that has cost the American people too much in

lives, in dollars, and in our reputation around the world.

In the new year, my colleagues and I will continue our efforts to reignite the American dream by building ladders of opportunity and tearing down barriers to success for anyone willing to work hard, play by the rules, and take responsibility. We are committed to strengthening the middle class, empowering our entrepreneurs and creating well-paying jobs. As always, I look forward to hearing from you on this and other issues of concern to you.

Best regards,

Nancy Pelosi

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