

**ATTENTION Mitch McConnell:**  
**VOICES ACROSS AMERICA AGREE.**

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**IT'S TIME**

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**TO END THE OBSTRUCTION**

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**The New York Times**

“Republicans and several Democrats have made the argument that cutting the deficit is more important than spurring the economy. The argument is wrong — jobs and the resulting tax revenue are crucial to repairing the budget.”  
**New York, NEW YORK 7/2/2010**

**THE PLAIN DEALER**

“Yes, it is nice to hear talk of fiscal restraint from lawmakers who allowed the deficit to explode over the past decade... But to draw a line in the sand at the feet of people struggling through a devastating recession is little more than heartless posturing... Getting help to Americans hampered by this recession is an emergency.”  
**Cleveland, OHIO 7/3/2010**

**NEWS & OBSERVER**

“This depressed economic cycle is not just some ‘blip’ on the screen of history. It is a crisis that must be met with imagination and daring, and also with an eye toward government’s responsibility to sustain vital public services.”  
**Raleigh, NORTH CAROLINA 4/11/2010**

**Dayton Daily News**

“Ultimately, however, what matters most for the well-being of the two parties is not where they fit on the political spectrum. It is what matters most to the people: how the state and the nation do on jobs and other matters — but mostly, it would appear, jobs.” **Dayton, OHIO 1/26/2010**

**QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY  
POLLING INSTITUTE**

“American voters say 64-30 percent that reducing unemployment is more important than reducing the federal budget deficit... Even Republicans say 58-38 percent that reducing unemployment is more important.” **Hamden, CONNECTICUT 7/22/2010**

**The Washington Post**

“States are staggering under the impact of the economic slump, with revenue down and demand for social services up. Passing this package is the right thing to do, and fiscally prudent too.”  
**Washington, DC 7/13/2010**

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**JOURNAL SENTINEL**

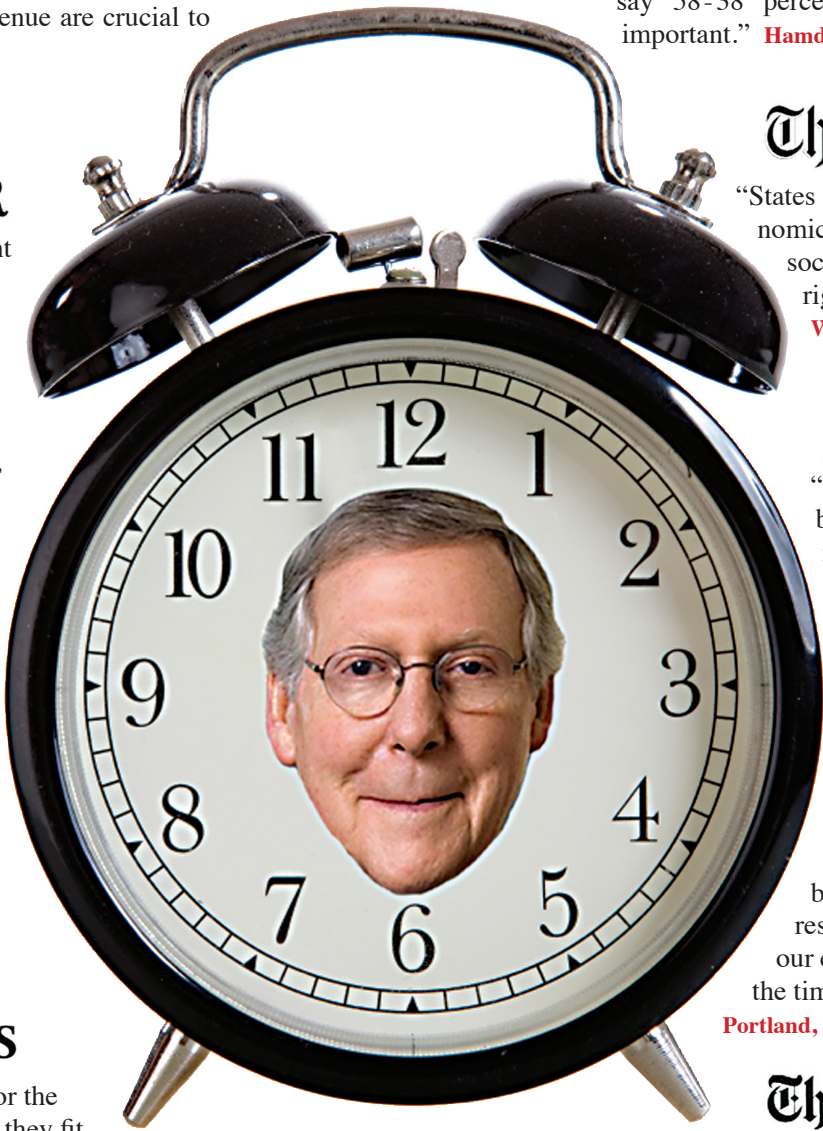
“Congress is correctly jittery about the deficit, but cutting back federal aid while a recession rages makes no sense, fiscally or as a matter of humanity. Congress... must extend Medicaid aid to the states to help those still suffering from the recession’s grip.”  
**Milwaukee, WISCONSIN 7/16/2010**

**Portland Press Herald**

“Despite concerns about growing long-term deficits, Maine’s senators should get on board... The failure to pass this bill now could result in public-sector layoffs that would add to our economic woes, not solve them... Now is not the time to balance the budget.”  
**Portland, MAINE 6/18/2010**

**The Des Moines Register**

“It makes no sense to force states to reduce health coverage for the poor when the economy has not recovered... It’s not a ‘bailout.’ It’s ensuring vulnerable Americans can go to the doctor.”  
**Des Moines, IOWA 7/14/2010**



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**TO SAVE 1,000,000 JOBS**

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**THE DEFICIT MATTERS. JOBS MATTER MORE.**

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The national deficit matters. But just think what will happen to the deficit if nearly a million more Americans lose their jobs, which is what experts predict unless Congress acts now to help states with their budget crises. Without congressional help now, there will be devastating cuts to vital public services and major job losses in both the public and private sectors.

