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To establish a Jobs Creation Coordinator in the Department of Commerce to ensure that agencies in the Department use resources in a manner that maximizes the maintenance and creation of jobs in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 2009

Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Jobs Coordinator for
5 Sustainable American Recovery Act of 2009” or the “Jobs
6 CSAR Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) With global economic conditions at their
4 most challenging in generations, there is an urgent
5 and critical need to preserve and create jobs in the
6 United States.

7 (2) Given its statutory mission “to foster, pro-
8 mote, and develop the foreign and domestic com-
9 merce” of the United States (section 3 of the Act
10 entitled “An Act to establish the Department of
11 Commerce and Labor”, approved February 14, 1903
12 (15 U.S.C. 1512)), the Department of Commerce
13 has a significant interest in preserving and creating
14 jobs in the United States.

15 (3) The potential of the Department of Com-
16 merce to preserve and create jobs in the United
17 States may be challenged by the disparate focuses of
18 its various constituent agencies, so it is imperative
19 to coordinate at a high level in the hierarchy of the
20 Department efforts among such agencies to maxi-
21 mize job preservation and creation in the United
22 States.

23 **SEC. 3. JOBS CREATION COORDINATOR.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce shall
25 establish a Jobs Creation Coordinator (in this section re-
26 ferred to as the “Coordinator”) who shall report to the

1 Secretary to ensure that agencies in the Department of
2 Commerce use resources in a manner that maximizes the
3 maintenance and creation of jobs in the United States.

4 (b) DUTIES.—The duties of the Coordinator include
5 the following:

6 (1) Assess the number and quality of private
7 sector jobs that result from programs of the Depart-
8 ment of Commerce.

9 (2) Develop a plan to use existing statutory au-
10 thority for the Department to improve the number
11 of private sector jobs in the United States main-
12 tained or created by programs of the Department.

13 (3) Review periodically the plan developed
14 under paragraph (2) to assess the effectiveness of
15 the plan.

16 (4) Revise the plan developed under paragraph
17 (2) to incorporate the findings from the periodic re-
18 view under paragraph (3).

19 (5) Acting through the Office of the Secretary,
20 coordinate with Congress regarding additional au-
21 thority for the Department to enhance the ability of
22 the Department to maintain and create private sec-
23 tor jobs in the United States through programs of
24 the Department.

1 (6) Provide oversight for the implementation of
2 policies or statutory authority of the Department
3 that enhance the ability of the Department to main-
4 tain and create private sector jobs in the United
5 States through programs of the Department.

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