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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Reid, Minority Leader McConnell and  
Minority Leader Boehner:

I am writing to urge swift passage of legislation to extend critical federal unemployment insurance assistance programs. As you know, existing federal unemployment benefits are set to expire on November 30th. If this happens, 181,500 Michigan residents will exhaust their unemployment benefits over the next five months.

In Michigan, we are emerging from these difficult economic times, but we still have many families who continue to weather this storm. In fact, 336,000 Michigan residents currently receive state of federal unemployment benefits in Michigan. Now is not the time to pull the rug out from those who need assistance to provide for their families.

I appreciate past actions that Congress has taken to provide assistance to the thousands of Michigan residents that have, through no fault of their own, fallen on hard times. I urge you to extend these benefits as soon as possible and I look forward to working with you to address this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Granholm", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor