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National Employment Law Project

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides extended unemployment benefits to workers exhausting their regular state benefits through December 31, 2009.

Although there is nothing in the current unemployment extension legislation that addresses the issue of those individuals that exhaust their benefits on or after January 1, 2010, media reports indicate Congressional leaders and the President have made public statements endorsing the continuation of key aspects of ARRA, including extensions. (See *Obama Aides Act to Fix Safety Net* <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/06/us/politics/06jobless.html?scp=1&sq=jackie%20calmes%20unemployment&st=cse>). In order to get legislation enacting further extensions in 2010 passed, we have to fight for it and get stories like yours out to the media.

We are always looking for people to speak out and tell their stories either by volunteering for press conferences or by speaking out on our website. If you are interested please respond to the following questions below and you can be added to NELP's Media Bank. Please use the Worker Forum sign-up form found here: <http://www.unemployedworkers.org/page/s/uistories>

1. Where do you live?
2. What is your age?
3. Do you have any children?
4. What job did you previously hold?
5. When did you become unemployed?
6. What type of benefits (regular state or one of the extensions) are you currently receiving?
7. When are your benefits going to run out?
8. Are you single or married? If married, is your spouse employed?
9. In your own words tell us about your situation