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I rise in strong support of H.R. 4213, the Tax Extenders Act of 2009. There are multiple provisions within this bill that are needed by individuals, businesses as well as State and local governments. This bill is good for Chicago, it's good for the State of Illinois and, indeed, it is good for the Nation.

This bill helps individuals with the cost of education, both for teachers who pay out of pocket for supplies and for students who pay for tuition and books. It helps families cover the cost of property taxes and sales taxes. It helps business invest in research and development, equipment, maintenance and certain capital improvements.

It promotes charitable giving of food, equipment and inventory. This bill also supports critical community assistance programs. It encourages empowerment zones and renewal communities in economically depressed areas. It supports areas that experienced natural disasters, such as the gulf coast and the Midwest.

The Chicago Reporter, a newspaper that does an outstanding job, found that the west and south sides of Chicago have unemployment rates of over 20 percent. It is obvious to me that the city of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and, indeed, the Nation, need this bill. I am proud to support it.