

Davis Joins in Call for \$23 Billion Teacher Jobs Fund

Dear
Editor,

Schools across the country are facing the worst layoffs in half a century. As many as 300,000 school employees are in danger of losing their jobs. If that happens, millions of kids will see exploding class sizes and a drastic decline in educational opportunities. Education will become a "risky" career choice for a generation of potential teachers.

Communities are facing this emergency through no fault of their own. The collapse of the financial system devastated all economic sectors, leaving state and local governments in a huge budget crisis that's just reaching its peak, despite the improving economy.

We have two choices — we can sit, frozen in the ice of our own indifference, as Franklin Roosevelt once said, or we can take action to save these jobs.

By arguing that we should "Fail this jobs bill", the Post has made the wrong choice! Without action from Congress, we're setting up our children and schools for a major crisis.

We only have one chance to educate tomorrow's innovators, engineers and entrepreneurs and the key to our economy — our children!

That's why we support a \$23 billion teacher jobs fund - for our children's sake and for the sake of a stronger American economy.

Signed,

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