

# Unemployment Is No Accident

**The drive for profit produced unemployment.**

- Companies laid off people, then used the threat of more layoffs to get three people to do the work of five.
- That resulted in lasting unemployment and a new profit record last year – 1.7 trillion dollars for the 500 biggest corporations!

**Profits could be taken away from companies that laid off people; that money could be used to put the unemployed to work.**

**The bailout to the banks produced unemployment.**

- Government gave away our tax money to the banks, and has been cutting services & education ever since, laying off more people.

**Bailout money could be taken back & used for jobs.**

- Hire back people in public services – fighting fires, inspecting food, checking workplace health and safety, monitoring pollution.
- Hire people to rebuild what has been left to rot – crumbling bridges, roads with potholes, traffic lights that don't work, street lights that leave us in the dark, water systems that provide unsafe drinking water, sewage systems that leak into the water supply.
- Double the number of teachers in the classrooms, provide them with aides and technical support so they can do their jobs.

**The corporations and the banks stole their wealth.**

**That wealth could be taken back and used to create a decent-paying job for everyone.**

**There Is More than Enough Money  
To Wipe Out Unemployment. Why Not Use It?**

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