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McKeon Highlights New Report Exposing Democrats' War on American Jobs

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (R-CA), the U.S. House Education and Labor Committee's Senior Republican, today highlighted a new report documenting the job-killing, innovation-stifling policies advocated by the Democratic Congress. The Education and Labor Committee is a central front in the Democrats' war on American jobs, McKeon noted, with the Democratic majority forcing a series of measures through the panel this year that would impose costly mandates, burdensome regulations, and litigation bonanzas.

"With college costs, fuel prices, mortgage rates, and health care premiums on the rise, hard-working American families are already feeling the pinch. The Democrats' agenda of bigger government, higher taxes, and greater federal intrusion is a threat to all Americans' economic freedom and prosperity," said McKeon.

The report, [*Death by a Thousand Cuts: Democrats' War on American Jobs*](#), was released today by House Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH) and other GOP leaders. It offers the first comprehensive look at the full scope of the attacks launched against the American private sector by the Democratic majority since it assumed power in January 2007. The report catalogs and chronicles the weapons congressional Democrats deployed during the first session of the 110th Congress to finance their expansionist agenda – an arsenal of tax hikes, increased regulation, expanded bureaucracy, and new avenues for lawsuits and litigation. More information on the War on American Jobs can be found online [here](#). Highlighted in the report are a series of job-killing proposals advanced by the Big Labor/Big Trial Lawyer agenda of Education and Labor Committee Democrats. Among the report's findings:

- The Democrats' job-killing "fair pay" bill ensures a payday for trial lawyers;
- In order to create a new right to sue, Democrats departed from longstanding civil rights policy to create protections for discrimination against "perceived" sexual orientation;
- Cumbersome new 401(k) reporting mandates would expose employers and small businesses to junk lawsuits that would increase their costs, jeopardize employee benefits, and endanger their ability to expand their businesses and create new jobs;
- Democrats have methodically and aggressively expanded Davis-Bacon wage mandates that stifle job growth;
- House Democrats sought to impose a minimum wage mandate without offering relief to small businesses, threatening some 1.6 million jobs;
- Turning back the clock on efforts to streamline federal job training programs, Democrats

are pushing a special interest "Green Jobs" program that will create additional red tape, bureaucracy, and hurdles for job-seekers; and

- Democrats voted to strip workers of the right to democratic, secret-ballot elections in an effort to swell the dwindling union ranks.

"This report exposes the Democrats' agenda for what it really is: a special interest smorgasbord of regulation, litigation, and taxation," said McKeon.

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