

October 17, 2011

President Barack Obama

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: A suggestion for a Voluntary Fund for Jobs” led by the President of the United States

From: Prof. Edward Kaufman, Dept Government and Politics,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been trying to communicate this suggestion below through the White House webpage, as a comment checking the “v” on a request of reply. There was none, and eventually I got a three-page long reply of President Obama on economic issues without any relation to the proposed idea.

Together with a colleague from American University, Prof. Philip Brenner, we have also tried to get the message to the VP with a similar proposal although much more elaborated, also attached herewith.

This time, I am only requesting acknowledgment of receipt, since I am not sure if e-mails are included in the correspondence sent to the President.

Sincerely yours,

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“CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME: ALL for job creation

(A statement from President Obama and Vice-President Biden)

We would like to announce that as from today we have committed ourselves to donate 10% of our salaries to a nation-wide Voluntary Fund to fight unemployment. We believe that in stating our leadership others will follow.

Obama: A United States President is the biggest CEO in the country, and would like to encourage others in the corporate world – many of them with salaries much higher than mine- to share some of their own monthly income with a Fund that will help the economy grow and help the unemployed to come back to the job market, the economy expand and indirectly benefit their own companies and the country at large.

Biden: It has been increasingly difficult to reach consensus in Congress, in spite of all our efforts. Delaying decisions and not providing for the unemployed is not a reason for us not to appeal to the voluntary tradition of our nation. The President and I are setting this example and have been told that our fellow Democrats members of the Senate and House of Representatives will follow.

We appeal to all elected officials to contribute to the Voluntary Fund. And to the CEO of banks, oil industries and others, investment companies, manufacturers and particularly those who have a higher salary than we have as elected officials, to show generosity. We are convinced that consumers will be alert and appreciate such gestures.

This message is also aimed to all citizens of this great country. Charity begins at home and we need to help each other. Please become involved, contribute and help our unemployed to stand up again.”