

JOBS GUARANTEE CALL-IN

CALL TO ENACT A FEDERAL JOB GUARANTEE

A Federal Job Guarantee would give every adult in the U.S. the legal right to a \$18/hour job plus benefits, including childcare, medical insurance, Social Security retirement, and the right to join a union. Our state employment offices would always be able to GIVE us a federally funded \$18/hour job, plus help people to SEARCH for a higher paying job with regular employers.

Please spend **1 minute a week**, for as many months or years as it takes to call the office of your Congressperson or Senators and ask them to enact a federal job guarantee.

To help us count the number of calls **dial (888) 697-7317**, (then push #1 and it will transfer you to the U.S. Capitol Switchboard). Then give the Capital Switchboard operator your zip code and ask them to connect you with the office of your representative or senator. Call during working hours and preferably talk to a staffer. Fancy arguments don't impress the staffers, only the number of calls. Because calls represent votes and politicians want votes. Here's what to say:

“Hi, my name is _____ and I’m calling to ask the (Congressperson/ Senator) to enact a Federal Job Guarantee as described by House Resolution 145 submitted in 2021. A Job Guarantee would heal the scars of racism, keep our entire labor force healthy, virtually eliminate poverty, and maximize America’s productivity.”

We need a Federal Job Guarantee (JG) because regular employers can't and won't hire you unless it's profitable. Even with official unemployment at historic lows in November 2023, about **16 million people** in the U.S. were unemployed or underemployed.

A Federal Job Guarantee would:

1. **Give** everyone in the U.S. over 16 years old the legal right to a job at \$18/hr., plus benefits, including childcare, Medicare, social security retirement and the right to join a union. The federal government would fund the job, local governments and voluntary organizations would create and manage them.
2. **Focus** dollars primarily on lower income people. All JG jobs pay the same \$18/hour with benefits, so the program will automatically be limited to people willing to work for \$18/hr.
3. **Preserve** the health and welfare of workers and their families, especially during economic downturns. They will be better able to return to higher paying private sector work when the economy picks up.
4. **Lead** to something better. People could use them to start or restart their working life. They will help people like students working while in school, people who need to earn a living while they acquire language skills, and people with poor work records or who have been out of the labor force for a long time. People would be free to work full-time or part-time.
5. **Free** people to try out a regular job knowing that they will always have a JG job to fall back on if the regular job ends.

Have a friend take a video when you make your call. Put your phone on speaker, so we can hear both sides of your call, then send the video to CallsforJobs@gmail.com and we might put it on YouTube if you agree.

[Ayanna Pressley explains the Jobs Guarantee](#) She is a US Representative.

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[Video presentation to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors](#) on how a Jobs Guarantee would help immigrants and bring \$900 million federal dollars annually to the county.

WASHINGTON POST LETTER TO THE EDITOR
BY TOM CLARKSON
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Courtland Milloy's thoughtful Nov. 8 column highlighted the problem of homelessness and the efforts at Union Station to relieve it. The rise in homelessness over the past 50 years has correlated with the decrease in real wages earned by the working class.

Mr. Milloy reported that, last year, Amtrak Police Chief Sam Dotson and volunteers from the h3 Project found apartments for 58 unhoused people and reunified 51 with their estranged families.

As wonderful as this is, there are nearly 5,000 homeless people in the D.C. Wouldn't it be fantastic if groups such as the h3 Project could put them into federally funded \$35,000-per-year jobs with good benefits and employ them to take care of public spaces? Then thousands of homeless people could come to Union Station as smiling customers, not desperate campers.

A federal jobs guarantee that would accomplish exactly that was proposed in 2021 by Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.). The jobs program would fight homelessness and poverty at their source by guaranteeing an entry-level job for every person in the United States.

Mr. Milloy called the Union Station program a "huge step." A jobs guarantee program would be an earthshaking, ginormous, fantastic step.

Tom Clarkson, Vienna