

Martin Heinrich TV Ad "Working"

Background

On July 22nd, 2010 Martin Heinrich voted to pass the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010 (Public Law No: 111-205) which extends the final date for entering a federal-state agreement under the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program through November 30, 2010 and postpones the termination of the program until April 30, 2011.

Martin Heinrich voted for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Public Law No: 111-5), which was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2010. In January 2010, the Sheet Metal Workers Training Facility in Albuquerque received a \$1 million Recovery Act grant to help train and prepare the unemployed and underemployed incumbent sheet metal workforce for careers in energy efficient building construction, retrofitting, and manufacturing through a series of customized training courses that address the skills gap of the targeted workforce. The funding was provided through the U.S. Department of Labor's Energy Training Partnership Grant Program.

Martin Heinrich cosponsored and voted to pass the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (Public Law No: 111-2), which ensures that women and other victims of pay discrimination can effectively challenge unequal pay. Martin also cosponsored and voted to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would provide women with additional support to negotiate for equal pay, create stronger incentives for employers, and strengthen federal enforcement.