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Dear Colleague:

I am sharing the most recent edition of the JEC Democrats' *State Economic Snapshots*, which provides updated economic data on all 50 states.

You will find in the report two pages of detailed information about your state, an executive summary which provides additional context, as well as a table and map with employment data.

This month's report includes state-level jobs, unemployment and earnings data through April. In addition, the snapshots include data on housing prices, housing starts, household income and exports.

Highlights from the current report are below:

- Private-sector employment increased in 36 states and the District of Columbia in April.
- The unemployment rate fell in 23 states and the District of Columbia.
- Average hourly earnings, adjusted for inflation, have increased in 44 states and the District of Columbia over the past year.
- Home prices increased in 48 states over the year ending in the first quarter of 2015.

These new data show that economy continues to recover, and that the pace and strength of the recovery vary across states. You can [click here](#) for individual state data or [click here](#) to download the full report including all 50 states. The entire report can be found online at the [JEC website](#).

These reports are distributed each month to regional and state media, and they may provide press opportunities for you in your district or state. If you would like us to distribute the report to specific outlets or reporters, your staff may contact JEC Communications Director Leslie Phillips ([leslie\\_phillips@jec.senate.gov](mailto:leslie_phillips@jec.senate.gov)), who will be happy to help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn B. Maloney".

CAROLYN B. MALONEY  
Ranking Democrat, Joint Economic Committee