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## **Vice Chair Maloney Statement on March Jobs Report**

WASHINGTON—Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12), Vice Chair of the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee, issued the following statement Friday after the Department of Labor announced 196,000 nonfarm jobs were added in March.

“While there was some bounce back in March from the unusually low job gains in February, which is to be expected, job growth has slowed in the past 12 months. During the first three months of 2018, the economy added an average of 228,000 jobs per month. This year, the monthly average job growth during the same period fell to 180,000. And manufacturing jobs declined for the first time since mid-2017.

“The headwinds from the administration’s erratic behavior, from trade to government funding to threats against Mexico, have caused uncertainty that has put downward pressure on employment. More uncertainty or self-inflicted wounds are the last things our economy needs right now.

“It’s time for the president to work with Democrats in Congress on proven measures, such as rebuilding our infrastructure and lowering the price of prescription drugs, which will strengthen our economy and put more money back into people’s pockets.

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