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## REP. NADLER INTRODUCES TRANSPORTATION JOB CORPS ACT OF 2009

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WASHINGTON, May 19 -- Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y. (8th CD), issued the following press release:

Today, Congressman Jerrold Nadler, the senior Democrat from the Northeast on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, reintroduced the Transportation Job Corps Act. This key initiative, which could be folded into the comprehensive Transportation Reauthorization bill for 2009, would create a career-ladder grant program within the Federal Transit Administration to help existing workers retain jobs in the public transportation industry, while also recruiting and preparing young adults across the nation for jobs in the transit sector. Promoting diversity and serving underrepresented segments of the population will be particular priorities for these grants.

"As the federal government moves to address our economic crisis, it's essential that we also invest in our transit workforce," said Rep. Nadler. "Since the time of the New Deal, federal investment in public works has been a proven method of boosting a troubled economy, stimulating mass job-creation and, of course, developing and improving transportation and infrastructure projects. The Transportation Job Corps Act will serve a vital economic function while also securing stable and meaningful work for the 'disconnected youth' of our nation."

According to a report by the Community Service Society, there is a growing population of "disconnected youth" in this country consisting of individuals between the ages of 16 to 24 who are not in school and have been out of work for at least six months. The population of "disconnected youth" is estimated to be about five million nationally, including approximately 200,000 in New York City, 93,000 in Los Angeles, and 97,000 in Chicago. The Transportation Job Corps Act of 2009 will specifically target these "disconnected youth" for basic skills training and pre-apprenticeship programs for jobs in the transit industry. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- [htsyndication@hindustantimes.com](mailto:htsyndication@hindustantimes.com).

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