Bill Also Helps Small Businesses Access Credit

(Washington, DC)— U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) lauded just-passed legislation that helps 300,000 more youth get summer jobs.

Congresswoman Moore said, **"This recession has impacted everyone, and often family members are pulling together to help make ends meet. Helping teens get work helps cushion family budgets and provides real-life experience and future opportunities. We need to give teens every possible chance to succeed."**

Recent data shows that one in four teenagers 16-19 looking for a job cannot find one and the same applies to more than 40 percent of African American teens. Funding will go to local Workforce Investment Boards to expand successful summer jobs programs.

The bill also extends a small business lending program that since it was created has supported nearly $23 billion in small business lending that has created.

Moore continued, **"Helping small businesses thrive and grow is essential to getting our economy back on track. Extending this successful lending program helps ensure just that."**

The House passed the Disaster Relief and Summer Jobs Act by a vote of 239 to 175, and it now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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