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OPINION

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Powerful Weapon in the War on Unemployment

Job training, education for

While overall unemployment is tion, Senator Gillibrand said, placement, mentoring, internback up to 9 percent, African American unemployment has now risen to 16.1 percent.

We agree. We know that

youth employment not only

helps put food on the table of

struggling families, a job can

"Supporting education and train- ships and on-the-job training ing for our youth is a smart in- as well as GED preparation, vestment that will pay dividends reading and math remediation, educational enrichment and post-secondary education. Support services include child care, health and nutrition referral and transportation and housing assistance. The Urban Jobs Act will provide desperately needed resources to give young people who need it an all-important second chance. It will reduce the disproportionate incarceration of minority youth and prepare eligible young adults for entry into the world of work.

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urban youth

BY MARC H. MORIAL U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York this month enlisted in the war on urban unemployment with the introduction of

the Urban Jobs Act. Gillibrand's Urban Jobs Act is the Senate version of House bill, H.R. 683. which was introduced earlier this year by U.S. Rep. Edolphus Towns of New York.

Both bills would provide federal grant funding to the National Urban League and other non-profit groups to offer job training, education and other support services for urban youth.

The legislation will especially target those who have dropped out of high school or who have had some involvement with the criminal justice system.

The Labor Department's April jobs report confirms the urgent need for this legislation.

Even more disturbing, Afri- over the long term." can American youth unemploy-

ment has now climbed to 41.6 percent, the highest rate of any group in the nation.

literally turn a young person's In many urban commulife around and provide the nities, roughly one-third of skills, work ethic and experiminority youth are unem- ence necessary to grow into

Supporting education and training for our youth is a smart investment that will pay dividends over the long

productive adulthood.

The Urban Jobs Act would create an Urban Jobs Program and allocate \$23 million in grants to national non-profit organizations to provide a comprehensive set of services designed to prepare youth, ages 18-24, for the job market.

These services include job League. MASTER: Dend address changes to rothand upserver, ru box 2127, rothand, un 27240

While the Senate bill has just been introduced, we need to build more momentum in the House.

We are urging citizens to urge your U.S. representatives in Congress to join the current co-sponsors of H.R. 683.

Empower yourself, empower your community, and join us in the "War on Unemployment"!

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term. ployed. For several years now, the National Urban League has

been leading the call for targeted action to address the urban jobs crisis. Our 12-point Jobs Rebuild America plan lays out specific strategies to achieve that goal. But Washington has been largely silent, until now. Upon introducing the legisla-

-U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York