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Filling the Gap for Youth Jobs

Delivering when Congress would not

BY JUDGE GREG MATHIS
 Decades ago, summer youth job programs allowed inner-city youth to



learn job skills, develop a work ethic and keep out of trouble. Unfortunately, governmental support for such programs has dwindled over the last decade as Republican lawmakers slashed funding for community-focused programs and diverted monies to efforts that supported

their own interests. Thankfully, President Obama recognizes the need for, and understands the benefits of, youth jobs programs. So much so, he included such a program in his American Jobs Act. That bill, however, did not receive Congressional support so the President used a different strategy and called on corporate America to help fill in the gap.

Now, with the support of major corporations like Starbucks and AT&T, the President announced a program that will place up to 250,000 young people in jobs and internships this summer.

This is great news for America's young people, who represent high percentages of the nation's unemployment.

For youth of color, the unemployment rates are dismal: Less than 35 percent of blacks between 16 and 24 had a job last summer, and less than 43 percent of Hispanic youth in that same age group were employed.

We all know that busy hands have little time to get into trouble. But when young people work, we all benefit.

Communities are ultimately

safer when our youth have summer jobs. When young people work, the larger society won't have to absorb the costs associated with high youth unemployment.

Why, then, would any Republican lawmaker not support a program that not only serves to benefit youth, but the country as a whole?

Your guess is as good as mine. Thank goodness corporate America, in this instance anyway, has delivered when Congress could not or would not.

President Obama had the vision and the determination to bring this youth summer jobs program to reality. Now it is our turn.

We must make sure our kids are signed up and ready to work this summer. This fall, we have to get out and vote so that those members of Congress who refused to support the jobs plan understand we are tired of political games that continue to put our country and communities at risk.

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