

To the Editor of the Times,

This letter is in regard to the January 4th Times article, “Obama: Country needs economic stimulus plan,” wherein Obama said Congress should pass an American Recovery plan to create 3 million jobs.

I propose that we implement the employment of young people by creating paid apprenticeships for high school students. We already have special programs for both low achievers and the gifted. Now we need more training for those in the middle. They could choose to be apprenticed to mechanics, plumbers, tailors, medical paraprofessionals, etc. As they would be paid to stay in school (their high school academic courses would relate to the occupation) parents would be less likely to have their children quit school to help support the family in any jobs they could find. The paid apprenticeships would allow the family to spend more and thus improve our economy.

I would hope that the federal stimulus package plus industries and organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce would finance the apprenticeships.

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