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To establish a Jobs Creation Coordinator in the Department of Commerce to ensure that agencies in the Department use resources in a manner that maximizes the maintenance and creation of jobs in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

April 2, 2009

Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Jobs Coordinator for
- 5 Sustainable American Recovery Act of 2009" or the "Jobs
- 6 CSAR Act of 2009".

1 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) With global economic conditions at their
4 most challenging in generations, there is an urgent
5 and critical need to preserve and create jobs in the
6 United States.

7 (2) Given it's statutory mission "to foster, pro-8 mote, and develop the foreign and domestic com-9 merce" of the United States (section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish the Department of 10 11 Commerce and Labor", approved February 14, 1903 12 (15 U.S.C. 1512)), the Department of Commerce 13 has a significant interest in preserving and creating 14 jobs in the United States.

15 (3) The potential of the Department of Com-16 merce to preserve and create jobs in the United 17 States may be challenged by the disparate focuses of 18 its various constituent agencies, so it is imperative 19 to coordinate at a high level in the hierarchy of the 20 Department efforts among such agencies to maxi-21 mize job preservation and creation in the United 22 States.

23 SEC. 3. JOBS CREATION COORDINATOR.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce shall
establish a Jobs Creation Coordinator (in this section referred to as the "Coordinator") who shall report to the
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Secretary to ensure that agencies in the Department of
 Commerce use resources in a manner that maximizes the
 maintenance and creation of jobs in the United States.
 (b) DUTIES.—The duties of the Coordinator include
 the following:

6 (1) Assess the number and quality of private
7 sector jobs that result from programs of the Depart8 ment of Commerce.

9 (2) Develop a plan to use existing statutory au-10 thority for the Department to improve the number 11 of private sector jobs in the United States main-12 tained or created by programs of the Department.

13 (3) Review periodically the plan developed
14 under paragraph (2) to assess the effectiveness of
15 the plan.

16 (4) Revise the plan developed under paragraph
17 (2) to incorporate the findings from the periodic re18 view under paragraph (3).

19 (5) Acting through the Office of the Secretary,
20 coordinate with Congress regarding additional au21 thority for the Department to enhance the ability of
22 the Department to maintain and create private sec23 tor jobs in the United States through programs of
24 the Department.

(6) Provide oversight for the implementation of
 policies or statutory authority of the Department
 that enhance the ability of the Department to main tain and create private sector jobs in the United
 States through programs of the Department.