



## **ENDORSEMENT OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT DEFENSE (NEED) ACT, HR 2990**

The Northeast Ohio American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) endorses the National Emergency Employment Defense (NEED) Act, HR 2990. The bill promotes two of our major program goals -- economic and political justice.

The NEED Act promotes economic justice by funding the creation and repairing of our physical and social infrastructure. Millions of quality jobs would be created under the bill -- helping put people back to work, addressing the needs of our communities and laying the foundation for a sustainable economy.

The NEED Act promotes political justice by restoring the power and authority, as stipulated in the U.S. Constitution, to issue and circulate money to *We the People* through our government. The Federal Reserve would become accountable to the public. Banking corporations would no longer be permitted to create money as debt out of nothing. Banks could only loan money they possess.

The NEED Act is a significant contribution to the growing national movement to control both the economic and political power of financial corporations and to (re)assert self-governance across our nation that is just and inclusive.

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