

## 26 LETTER TO STATE SENATOR

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Dear Senator,

My name is Yons Said and I am 16 years old. I am a student at Health Sciences High and live in San Diego, CA. I am writing to you today to address the unemployment problem in the United States which is a really important issue to me personally as well as our country.

In 2020, the unemployment rates in America spiked to 14.7% from a recent low of 3.5% in February. A lot of this recent spike can be attributed to COVID-19. San Diego is being negatively impacted by the loss of jobs due to the pandemic. Personally, I know a few people with large families are struggling with rent and bills, even with the government-issued unemployment benefits (CARES Act). I believe that with the unusual circumstances of COVID-19, the government should provide additional support to the people.

After researching your position on unemployment, I found that you also feel similarly to me. I've seen in an article that you've stated, "Oh, look at the unemployment numbers. Yeah, okay. People are working, and guess what, they're working two and three jobs to pay the bills. The economy is not working for working people." Clearly, you believe that the everyday man isn't protected in today's economy. I feel that if the economy is not tailored toward common people, then the government should be the protection and assistance for them.

Quite frankly, the current unemployment benefits aren't enough for a lot of large, immigrant families. I urge you to address this issue publicly, which will cause media coverage about this problem. By addressing the unemployment issues large families are facing, we would be shining a light on a rather overlooked part of California.

Sincerely,

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