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Chairman Hastings' Statement on August Job Numbers

WASHINGTON D.C. – House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04) released the following statement after the U.S. Department of Labor released the August jobs report.

"There's no question that the failed policies of the Obama Administration are slowing economic recovery and preventing Americans from getting back to work. Mounds of red tape, burdensome regulations, and threats of tax increases are continuing to provide an unfavorable hiring climate for the private sector leaving millions of Americans unemployed. House Republicans have repeatedly put forward specific job creating proposals, including three bipartisan [Natural Resources energy bills](#) that would create over one million jobs, yet the Senate refuses to act.

"Republicans will continue to make addressing our high unemployment rate a top priority, which is why in September the Natural Resources Committee is holding [two hearings](#) specifically focused on creating jobs with America's energy and mineral resources. There are plenty of job opportunities for millions of Americans and Republicans are determined to remove the Obama Administration's job creating barriers to help the economy recover."

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