



December 3, 2013

Honorable Sander M. Levin
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman:

The Congressional Budget Office has completed an estimate of the budgetary effects of H.R. 3546, the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2013, which would extend the emergency unemployment compensation (EUC) program for one year.

H.R. 3546, as introduced on November 20, 2013, would extend provisions of law relating to the EUC program that are currently scheduled to expire at the end of December. Most significantly, those provisions allow states to provide additional weeks of federally funded unemployment benefits to individuals who have exhausted their regular state benefits.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3546 would increase direct spending by \$25.7 billion over the 2014-2015 period. Enacting the legislation also would increase revenues modestly, by \$0.5 billion over the 2014-2023 period. Pay-as-you-go procedures apply because enacting the legislation would affect direct spending and revenues. Implementing the bill would not have a significant impact on spending subject to appropriation.

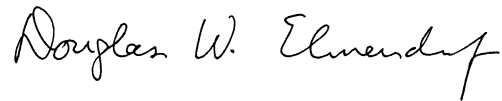
The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3546 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 600 (income security).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars										2014-	2014-
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2018	2023
CHANGES IN DIRECT SPENDING												
Estimated Budget Authority	19,170	6,510	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25,680	25,680
Estimated Outlays	19,170	6,510	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25,680	25,680
CHANGES IN REVENUES												
Revenues	0	39	122	123	96	45	36	6	0	0	380	467
NET INCREASE OR DECREASE (-) IN THE DEFICIT FROM CHANGES IN DIRECT SPENDING AND REVENUES												
Changes in Deficits	19,170	6,471	-122	-123	-96	-45	-36	-6	0	0	25,300	25,213

If you have questions about this estimate, the staff contact is Christina Hawley Anthony.

Sincerely,



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Director

cc: Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman