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**LIU TO CONGRESS: EXTEND
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

NEW YORK, NY – New York City Comptroller John C. Liu stated the following in response to questions about today's deadline for Congress to extend unemployment benefits:

“Congress needs to move swiftly and immediately to vote to extend unemployment benefits for the millions of Americans who continue to suffer the effects of this recession. As we have seen here in New York City, unemployment disproportionately affects communities of color. The disparities persist as unemployment among African-American (15.3%) and Hispanic (13.3%) New Yorkers last quarter was among the highest on record. Any elimination of these benefits would be devastating to already struggling individuals and families.

“As Congress considers extending tax breaks to some of the high-earners across the nation, it remains important to keep in mind those who need unemployment benefits to feed their families in this still-tight job market.”

Click http://www.comptroller.nyc.gov/bureaus/bud/Summary_economic_notes.shtm for a link to the Comptroller's data on New York City's unemployment trends.

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