

HAPPY STIMULUS DAY TO SUSAN COLLINS, WHO KILLED BILLIONS IN SCHOOL FUNDING

✘ ThinkProgress has an absolutely devastating report on 111 Republican members of Congress who have attacked last year's stimulus bill, but who have since taken credit for it. Click through for details on Republican hypocrisy close to you, but for a taste, here are the MI GOP stimulus hypocrites.

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Rep. Candice Miller (R-MI) Signed A Letter Hailing Stimulus Funds As An 'Important First Steps For Individuals And Their Families.' The letter, signed by other members of the Michigan congressional delegation, was sent to the Director of Recovery Auto Workers and Communities. [Letter from Michigan Delegation to Ed Montgomery, 5/6/09]

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But I think another Republican—along with her “moderate” buddies, Joe Lieberman, Ben Nelson, Arlen Specter, and Claire McCaskill—who deserve some scorn today. Among the \$100 billion they demanded be stripped from the stimulus package before they’d support it was money for school modernization and state fiscal stabilization funds.

We now know that—as predicted—states are reeling with budgetary problems to an extent that may cause 900,000 further job losses.

States are looking at a total budget gap of \$180 billion for fiscal 2011, which for most of them begins July 1. These cuts could lead to a loss of 900,000 jobs, according to Mark Zandi, chief economist of Moody’s Economy.com.

Granted, the money that Collins took out of education stimulus last year would not have made up the difference in the cuts we’ll see from states in the upcoming fiscal year. But Collins and her buddies do deserve a reminder that their so-called fiscal moderation last year has lasting effects on the Americans losing their jobs.