

To whom it may concern:

I am writing as a concerned private citizen to present a proposal that I believe would help economic growth in Puerto Rico through improvements in the islands' workforce participation rates.

The idea is to amend the current structure of unemployment benefits in Puerto Rico to allow unemployed people to turn some or all of their unemployment benefits into subsidies to companies that hire them. In other words, someone without a job can approach employers to offer them the ability to subsidize their wages with money from the unemployment insurance pool for a specific amount of time; making this person more attractive to employers and compensating the employer for any decline in the employee's skills due to prolonged periods of unemployment.

Thanks for the opportunity to present this suggestion.

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