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The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell  
Office of the Governor  
Patrick Henry Building  
1111 E. Broad Street, 3rd Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor McDonnell

Two press reports indicate that you are prepared to accept federal money from the \$26 Billion federal "Emergency Bill." I urge you to reconsider and reject this money.

The claim made by Rep. Perriello that the money can be used to hire 3800 Virginia teachers is suspect since teachers for the 2010-11 school year which begins in a few weeks have already been hired.

Teachers, firemen and other public service employees have been targeted by the Obama Administration for job restoration right before the 2010 elections. This suspect timing reminds me of the "walking around" money that is passed out by Chicago machine politicians prior to elections, except on a much larger scale.

Republicans in the U.S. Congress voted against this so-called "Emergency Bill." How prudent is it to accept these funds, some coming from future food stamp obligations, and \$10 billion in taxes on multinational companies doing business in the U. S. including Virginia?

To accept this federal money is to approve the tax on business in these difficult economic times. Wouldn't Virginia be considered a cutting edge state in a better position to attract foreign companies to create jobs for Virginians if we showed by our actions that we do not think business should be treated in this fashion? Further, to spend this money is to tacitly accept that Representatives Cantor, Forbes, Goodlatte, Wittman and Wolf voted against Virginian's better public interest, and that Representatives Boucher, Connolly, Moran, Nye, Perriello, and Scott cast the better vote for Virginians.

According to an August 10, 2010 AP story, Mississippi Republican Governor Haley Barbour said his state would have to rewrite its budget and spend \$50 to \$100 million to get its additional \$98 million in education grants.

Representative David Dreier (CA) said, "Teachers, nurses and cops should not be used as pawns in a cynical political game" resulting from "the Democratic majority's failure to govern responsibly." And Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio said, "Are we going to bail out states next year and the year after that, too? At some point we've got to say, 'Enough is enough.'"

This latest Washington bailout will not create real jobs, solve America's budget shortfalls, or address our trade imbalance. State leaders must be willing to reject the ever increasing debt and stand up to short-sighted Washington spending bills which will harm our children and grandchildren's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Marshall".

Bob Marshall  
13th District