



### ***Spotlight on the Economy***

Soon after Congress passed the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#), President Obama signed the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#) into law. The Act is the largest piece of economic stimulus legislation in the history of the United States and the state's [Office of Economic Stimulus and Recovery](#).

"Not since the Great Depression has our economy experienced as precipitous and severe a decline as it did in the fall of 2008. The aftermath will be felt for years to come and our road to recovery will be long. My top priority in Congress is to mitigate the economic impact on Vermont families and businesses, help them regain their footing and provide them with the tools they need to recover and succeed. While the causes of this recession were myriad, there is much Congress can do to reform our financial system, restore the oversight that has been lacking for too long, and prevent the abuses that caused this collapse from ever happening again."

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***Rep. Welch's Recent Work on the Economy***

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