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This is an important opportunity for policymakers to hear directly from people across the country who have been impacted by the economic downturn and bring their ideas and experiences to the table to help inform decisions made in Washington. Ideally, community job forums will bring together state and local government officials, small business owners and employees, large business owners and employees and working Americans from all sectors of the economy to discuss what is working in local communities and what isn't. The fundamental goal of these forums is to ensure that the voices of everyday Americans dealing with the impact of this economic downturn are heard.

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