

Want to lose one million more jobs? Just keep talking.

All Americans are angry at the recent revelations of bad judgment and excess by some corporate leaders - especially when the result is a taxpayer-funded clean up.

However, targeting business meetings and events is the wrong answer.

With their political rhetoric and short-sighted legislation, Congress is sending a message to TARP recipients and every other business that Congress doesn't want those meetings to happen. The results are predictable. Thousands of companies - not just TARP recipients - are cancelling their meetings out of fear.

For every meeting that is cancelled, jobs are lost - it's that simple - and it's happening all across the country. 1 out of every 8 jobs in this country is linked to travel and tourism - and those Americans will be even angrier if they lose their job because of political rhetoric.

The overwhelming majority of business meetings are not for senior executives - they are for top salespeople, high performing employees and valued customers and business partners. Business gets done and companies grow because of these meetings and events.

We've released a code of conduct for companies using taxpayer dollars. We encourage Congress and Treasury to embrace these standards - and stop the rhetoric. Visit our website for more details - www.meetingsmeanbusiness.com.

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