Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) released the following statement regarding her opposition to the *Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act* .

“At a time of record deficits, we must choose carefully how to expend our resources,” Bean said. “While the bill did include important transportation funding and business tax incentives, I haven’t met a single employer that would hire a new person based on a payroll tax reduction. That provision’s cost of $13 billion is untenable.”

Bean has submitted her opposition officially into the record, as she was unable to vote on the floor after being unavoidably detained at a meeting at the White House.