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The Heart of Our Tradition

"I am asking you to renew the commitment of the Democratic Party to economic justice. I am asking you to renew our commitment to a fair and lasting prosperity that can put America back to work."

Senator Edward M. Kennedy
Key Note Speech to the Democratic
National Convention, August 1980

Remembered for its "sailed against the wind" line, Ted Kennedy's speech drew tears from his campaign staff and cheers (of relief) from the supporters of President Jimmy Carter. Kennedy's speech ended his challenge to a sitting Democratic president.

Lost in the roars of the convention was Senator Kennedy's **clarion call** <http://bit.ly/U0Ept> to all Democrats. "Let us pledge," he said, "that employment will be the first priority of our economic policy. Let us pledge that there will be security for all those who are now at work, and let us pledge that there will be jobs for all who are out of work; and we will not compromise on the issue of jobs."

"These are not simplistic pledges," Ted Kennedy reminded us. "They are the heart of our tradition, and they have been the soul of our Party across the generations. It is the glory and the greatness of our tradition to speak for those who have no voice, to remember those who are forgotten, to respond to the frustrations and fulfill the aspirations of all Americans seeking a better life in a better land."

"We dare not forsake that tradition," he added. And Teddy never did. Please join us at <http://www.unionofunemployed.com/>

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