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*****PRESS TELEBRIEFING WEDNESDAY 12:30 EDT*****

More Than 5,000 Taxpayers from 20 Cities to Converge on Bankers Conference October 25-27

**As Congress Nears Vote on Consumer Financial Protection
Agency, Community Groups and Ordinary Americans Detail
Massive Three-Day Mobilization at American Bankers
Association Conference**

**Details on New Poll Showing Intense Bipartisan Support for
Holding Wall Street, Big Banks Accountable for Fighting
Reforms**

Washington, D.C.—On Wednesday, as a major vote on the Consumer Financial Protection Agency nears in Congress, community groups and taxpayers will host a press telebriefing to detail the massive three-day mobilization planned around the American Bankers Association (ABA) conference next week. More than 5,000 Americans from 20 states will converge on Chicago October 25 to 27 to demand banks stop spending millions in taxpayer dollars to lobby against reforms that would protect Americans from the next economic crisis.

Events will kick off with Americans who lost their homes, their retirement savings, and their jobs putting the big banks and Wall Street on trial for breaking their commitments to taxpayers. The three days of mobilizations will continue with Americans taking their demands directly to the bankers at demonstrations outside the conference, at one of the country's largest banks, and at a 5,000 person march and rally through the streets of Chicago.

While ordinary Americans continue to suffer through the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, bankers are headed to a conference complete with a 1920s-style swing band gala, riverboat cruises, historic home tours, and keynote remarks from Newt Gingrich and George Will. In addition, the ABA and the six largest banks have spent more than \$35 million fighting Congressional action on financial reform in 2009.

A new poll showing intense bipartisan support for holding Wall Street and big banks accountable for fighting reforms will be also be detailed on the briefing call.

WHAT: Press telebriefing detailing three-day mobilization around American Bankers Association conference in Chicago Oct 25-27 and new poll showing intense support for financial reform.

WHO: Anna Burger, International Secretary-Treasurer, SEIU
George Goehl, Executive Director, National People's Action
Denise Dixon, Executive Director, Action Now
Tom Balanoff, President, SEIU Illinois State Council
Americans who lost their jobs, retirements, and homes during economic crisis

WHEN: Wednesday, October 21, 2009
12:30 PM EDT
Call in: (800) 398-9379

Spokespeople available for print and broadcast interviews in advance of mobilizations.

Visit SEIU.org/BigBanks, www.StopBankGreed.org, or www.ShowdownInChicago.org for more details.

Groups participating in the three days of mobilizations include: A New Way Forward, AFL-CIO, Action Now, Albany Park Neighborhood Council, Alliance to Develop Power (ADP), Americans for Fairness in Lending, Americans for Financial Reform, ARISE Chicago, Brighten Park Neighborhood Council, Central Illinois Organizing Project (CIOP), Center for Community Change (CCC), Change in Terms, Change to Win, Citizen Action, Chicago Coalition of the Homeless, Communities United for Action (CUFA), Community Voices Heard (CVH), Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization (CCISCO), Grassroots Collaborative, Green Party of Nevada, Fuerza Laboral/Power of Workers, Illinois Hunger Coalition, Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, Jobs with Justice, Gender Just Metanoia Centers, Inc., Michigan People's Action (MPA), MoveOn, National People's Action, Northside Action for Justice, Northside POWER, Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition, People Organized for West Side Renewal (POWER), PUSH Buffalo, Right to the City Alliance, Rights for All People (RAP), Roomdad Productions, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), SEIU Illinois State Council, SOUL, South Austin Coalition Community Council (SACCC), Sunflower Community Action, Syracuse United Neighbors (SUN), Teach Our Children (TOC), The Grassroots Collaborate, UE, UCLA Undergraduate Students Association, Workers United, and Working In Neighborhoods (WIN)

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