



100 Days of Action Week 7 Action Alert

Next Steps on the Road to Making the Economy Work for Everyone:

We are pressing for change at all levels: locally, statewide, and nationally. Last week, we collected over **450 signatures on our letter to Governor Patrick** asking him to address inequity in Massachusetts by ensuring the stimulus money gets to the people and communities that are hurting the most. Also last week in Washington DC, **ADP Leader Keya Alvarez met with top officials in the White House** Domestic Policy Office about options the President has to target stimulus money to our communities. We need to invest in our families and communities by creating jobs, but we also need to make sure we are **creating good jobs that pay family living wages and protect the rights and dignity of workers**. Because the economy should work for everyone, not just bankers and big business.

Step # 1: Sign the Letter Supporting the Employee Free Choice Act!

Unions have always been the key to lifting wages – unions enable workers to join together to balance our voices with the power of corporations. The Employee Free Choice Act will give the power to the workers to organize for our rights and fight for fair wages. And it will give all workers – *low-wage, American born, immigrant* -- rights to form a union without harassment, intimidation, or retaliation.

Sign onto our letter to Massachusetts AFL-CIO President Robert Haynes declaring our **support for the Employee Free Choice Act** and asking him to stand with us in making sure the stimulus money gets to our families and our communities.

Step # 2: Call Governor Patrick to Get the Stimulus Money to our Communities!

In order to fix our economy, passage of the Employee Free Choice Act is an important first step. But fixing our economy means fixing the inequality that is at the root of this economic crisis. Inequality can only be addressed if communities left out in the past are lifted up in the future. Governor Patrick has received our letter. **Now we need to give him a call asking him to meet with us** to discuss how we can ensure that the economic stimulus money gets to distressed communities and families who are hurting the most -- low-income people, people of color, women and youth.

Sample Message to Governor Patrick (888) 870-7770:

My name is _____ from the Alliance to Develop Power / ADP. **We need Governor Patrick to address the increasing racial and economic divide** in Massachusetts by making sure the stimulus money gives opportunities for low-income workers like me to have living wages and to help distressed communities like mine in _____.

Time is running out before the money gets distributed. Please tell the Governor ADP leaders would like to meet with him in the next 2 weeks. And ask him to stand up for people like me who are hurting in this economic crisis.

Please report your Action to the ADP office 413.739.7233 - jon@a-dp.org - or to your 100 Days Captain. Visit us online at www.a-dp.org.



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Robert Haynes, President, Massachusetts AFL-CIO

Dear Bobby:

From March 21-23, 50 leaders of the Alliance to Develop Power will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to participate in National People's Action (NPA).. Speaking with the power of our collective voice, **we will join hundreds of fellow grassroots leaders and fight for our issues in order to create an economy that works for everyone.**

As you know, workers continue to get the short end of the stick. Even as corporations continue to grow, workers' wages have remained stagnant. We must create an economy that works for everyone, in which all working and low-income families can get adequate healthcare, send their kids to college and make ends meet. At NPA, we will be joining with the AFL-CIO and organized labor in fighting for **the Employee Free Choice Act so that all workers have a voice.**

And we stand in solidarity with you and all of our brothers and sisters in organized labor in fighting for the right of all workers to organize!

We know that unions have always been the key to lifting wages – unions enable workers to join together to balance our voices with the power of corporations. The Employee Free Choice Act will give the power to workers to organize for our rights and fight for fair wages. And it will give all workers – *low-wage, American born, immigrant* -- rights to form a union without harassment or intimidation.

But fixing our economy means fixing the inequality that is at the root of this economic crisis. Inequality can only be addressed if communities left out in the past are lifted up in the future. That means real investment. It is estimated that the Economic Stimulus bill will bring over 85,000 jobs to the Commonwealth.

We need your support to ensure **stimulus money creates good union jobs in our communities** and provides career opportunities to low-income people, people of color, women and our youth.

Together, we can create an economy that works for everyone.

In solidarity,

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