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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** All ILWU Locals, IBU, Affiliates and Pension Clubs and Auxiliaries

**FROM:** Robert McEllrath, International President

**SUBJECT:** Wisconsin Solidarity Actions on April 4th

**DATE:** March 8, 2011

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Last week, I met with other union Presidents on the AFL-CIO Executive Council in Washington, D.C. where we discussed the attack on union members in Wisconsin and other states. We agreed that these anti-union assaults are a dangerous threat to everyone who works for a living – and especially to all union members. We decided on a plan to mobilize members and allies across the country on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. I've included some information about the general plan below, but please contact your local Labor Council and/or State Labor Federation to learn more about the action plans in your area. Beating back these anti-union attacks has to be a priority for all of us. The March issue of *The Dispatcher* includes coverage of ILWU locals that have already joined this fight, along with my thoughts about what's happening in Wisconsin and why we need to mobilize. *The Dispatcher* is being printed today and will be available online by this afternoon at [www.ilwu.org](http://www.ilwu.org). Thanks for your solidarity and support.

**APRIL 4**  
**RESPECT OUR RIGHTS**

On April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, where he had gone to stand with sanitation workers demanding their dream: The right to bargain collectively for a voice at work and a better life.

Today, that same demand is electrifying people across America. It's the demand of all people—black, white, Latino and Asian American: The right to join together for our common dreams.

Join us to make **April 4, 2011** a day to stand in solidarity with working people in Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana and dozens of other states where well-funded, right-wing corporate politicians are trying to take away the rights Dr. King gave his life for. It's a day to show movement. A day to be creative, but clear: We are one.

**On April 4, Stand in Solidarity with Working People**

