



Chicago Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

Standing Up For Working Men and Women in Cook County

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Dear Labor Leader:

As part of International Human Rights Day, the Chicago Labor movement is speaking out to demand workers are guaranteed a fundamental human right: The freedom to have a union voice on the job. We will be rallying on December 8, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. at the Haymarket Memorial (at the corner of Des Plaines & Randolph), to highlight the obstacles workers face when seeking to join a union at work and showcase strategies for the overcoming those obstacles.

Hundreds of events will be commemorating this day throughout the U.S. and around the world, and we want Chicago's to be the most successful. We have set a goal of 1,500 people to attend the rally, and we hope you will help us build a large crowd.

The right to organize is a human right that is too often overlooked - just ask the thousands of U.S. workers who are fired each year for simply trying to form a union. Let's send a loud and clear message that in Chicago and Cook County the right to organize is alive and respected!

Please refer to the enclosed flyer for further information. See you on December 8th!

Dennis J. Gannon
President

In Unity,

Timothy J. Leahy
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure

December 8, 2005

4:30 PM



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HUMAN RIGHTS for America's Workers

"Many workers think of workers' efforts to organize and bargain collectively as union-versus-management disputes. These are also human rights concerns...Human rights cannot flourish where workers' rights are not enforced...[E]ach year thousands of U.S. workers are fired, harrassed or victimized for trying to organize unions...[W]e need to start protecting workers' rights here at home."

—UNFAIR ADVANTAGE, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH (AUGUST 2000)

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Haymarket Memorial
(corner of DesPlaines & Randolph)
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