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Kings of Corporate Welfare Declare: Give it Back!
*Thousands of Working People to Gather, March and
Risk Arrest to Demand an End to Corporate Welfare
During June 14 Executive Summit*

CHICAGO, IL – On June 14, three 12-foot-tall corporate welfare king puppets and their entourage will seek to gain entry into the CFO Executive Summit to demand that the attending millionaires and billionaires give back the corporate welfare that has deprived Chicago's working families of jobs, schools, and homes.

The puppet kings, along with thousands of working Chicagoans, will first advance to the Summit location, the Hyatt Regency on East Wacker, in three simultaneous marches culminating in a massive rally when they converge at Wacker and Michigan.

Many marchers are prepared to endure arrest at the rally, if necessary, in order to get their message through to the true kings of corporate welfare meeting at the Summit.

WHO: Three 12-foot-tall corporate welfare king puppets, their entourage of supporters, as well as thousands of struggling families and individuals—representing over 18 community groups.

WHAT: Three simultaneous marches culminating in a rally to demand that corporations give back our jobs, schools, and homes.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 14
3:00 to 5:00 p.m. or later

WHERE: Daley Plaza, Thompson Center, Cityfront Plaza, and the Hyatt Regency on East Wacker, and along three separate march routes (See below for details on each of the three marches.)

WHY: To demand that corporations give back the jobs, schools, and homes that corporate welfare is stealing from Chicago families. Combined, the most profitable companies from the Chicago Chamber of Commerce and the CFO Executive Summit reaped nearly \$200 billion in combined profits last year and millions in corporate welfare tax breaks at a time

when Chicago families are struggling with the third highest poverty rate and second highest foreclosure rate in the U.S. and an unemployment rate stuck at 9%.

Give Back Our Jobs March

Working Chicagoans, SEIU and United Electrical Workers members and their families will march to demand that corporations give back the jobs they've stolen from struggling Chicago families. Though corporations have received over \$94 million in tax breaks and other taxpayer-funded corporate welfare in recent years, they have failed to use that money for its intended purpose of job creation and community development. Instead, they've padded their already record profits, and hiked up executive compensation even further.

Location & Route:

Marchers will arrive at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington, at 3:00 p.m. At 3:45 p.m., the march will depart and proceed east on Washington, then north on Michigan Ave. The march will arrive at Michigan and Wacker at 4:15 p.m.

Give Back Our Schools March

Teachers from the Chicago Teachers Union as well as hundreds of families from the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization will march to demand that corporations give back the schools and educational resources they've stolen from Chicago families. Though corporations have received over \$94 million in tax breaks and other forms of taxpayer-funded corporate welfare in recent years, they have failed to use that money for its intended purpose of community development including support for our desperately underfunded schools. As a result, schools have been losing resources and teachers, threatening our children's current well-being and their future potential.

Location & Route:

Marchers will arrive at Cityfront Plaza between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. At 4:00 p.m., the march will depart and proceed towards Michigan and Wacker. The march will arrive at Michigan and Wacker at 4:15 p.m.

Give Back Our Homes March

Struggling families and individuals from community groups (including Action Now, Chicago Jobs with Justice, Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, Illinois Hunger Coalition, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Lakeview Action Coalition, Grassroots Collaborative, Stand Up! Chicago, and South Austin Coalition Community Council) will march to demand that big banks and financial industry corporations give back our homes. Instead of working with struggling families to help them weather the current economic downturn—a crisis of this industry's making—these corporate welfare recipients are choosing to foreclose on families' homes, reaping short-term gains at the expense of a family's long-term stability.

Location & Route:

Marchers will arrive at Thompson Center at 3:00 p.m. At 3:45 p.m., the march will depart and proceed north on Clarke and then east on Wacker. The march will arrive at Michigan and Wacker at 4:15 p.m.

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