



TO: ALL JOINT COUNCIL AND LOCAL UNION PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

FROM: CHRISTY BAILEY, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF FIELD & POLITICAL ACTION

DATE: MARCH 16, 2011

RE: APRIL 4TH NATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY

On April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated while in Memphis supporting the collective bargaining rights of striking sanitation workers. This April 4th, the battles across the states may be different, but the war on workers' rights remains the same as it did that day more than forty years ago. To commemorate this connection between past and present struggles, a national day of solidarity with workers in Wisconsin, Ohio, and all across the country, is being planned by the labor community and other progressive organizations for April 4th.

Rather than a day of mass demonstrations or rallies in a few locations, April 4th will be a day of many smaller, local actions for people to be involved in, including worksite activities. To this end, the IBT has developed a leaflet for distribution at worksites on April 4th that will give members the opportunity to become even more involved in the fight to protect the middle class. A copy of the leafleting piece is attached for your information. Please note that one way we will be engaging members is through the collection of the bottom detachable postcard. We ask that Local Unions please mail any collected postcards to the Department of Field & Political Action after the April 4th day of solidarity.

To make sure that your Local Union receives the appropriate amount of leaflets for April 4th, please return the attached order form to the Department no later than this Friday, March 18th.

In addition, the IBT will be hosting a teleforum with stewards on Thursday, March 31st as a way to communicate updates on all state

battles as well as this planned worksite action for April 4th. More information on the teleforum will follow in the near future.

Please also continue to visit www.stophewaronworkers.com for the latest updates and information on solidarity rallies, especially those that may also be happening in your area in conjunction with April 4th.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Field & Political Action at (202) 624-6993.

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Attachments



April 4th Day of Solidarity:
IBT Leaflet Order Form

Local Union/Joint Council: _____

Name, Title: _____

Phone: _____

Please send _____ leaflets for worksite distribution on April 4th.

Please fax this form to the Department of Field & Political
Action at (202) 624-6992 by Friday, March 18th.