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TO: International and National Union Presidents
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FROM: Richard L. Trumka, President

DATE: January 20, 2016

RE: Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive - May 14, 2016

Underemployment and joblessness remain high, and the need for food assistance remains great. Thankfully, for so many in need of a helping hand, the National Association of Letter Carriers' annual *Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive* is coming back for the 24th consecutive year.

Working in partnership with the AFL-CIO Community Services Network, United Way Worldwide, our nation's food security advocates and a host of other partners, the NALC gets food into the cupboards of those in need. All people need to do is place a bag of unopened, non-perishable food next to their mailbox before their letter carrier delivers their mail on Saturday, May 14, and the carrier will do the rest. Once collected, the food is taken back to the postal station, sorted and delivered by union volunteers to area food banks or pantries for needy families.

The NALC *Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive* is the largest one-day food drive in the nation. Last year, more than 71 million pounds of food was collected, making it the twelfth consecutive year that collections reached over the 70-million-pound mark. Since the drive began in 1993, nearly 1.4 billion pounds of food have been collected.

Please publicize and promote the May 14, 2016, NALC *Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive* among your members. With the support of unions and America's working families, the NALC can collect more food and by doing so, help those who have lost their jobs and the millions more facing economic uncertainty.

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If you have any questions or would like to get more involved with the NALC *Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive*, please contact Yael Foa, National Community Engagement United Way Program Coordinator, at 202-639-6245 or yfoa@aficio.org.

Thank you for supporting the National Association of Letter Carriers ***Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive***.

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