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MEMORANDUM

TO: International and National Union Presidents
Principal Officers of State Federations
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FROM: Richard L. Trumka

DATE: January 5, 2015

RE: NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive — May 9, 2015

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 23rd consecutive year.

Working in partnership with the AFL-CIO Community Services network, United Way Worldwide, and a host of other partners and our nation's food security advocates, the NALC gets food into the cupboards of those in need. All citizens 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 9, 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 70 million pounds of food was collected, making this the eleventh consecutive year that collections reached over the 70-million-pound mark. Since the drive began in 1993, nearly 1.4 billion pounds has been collected.

Please publicize and promote the May 9, 2015, 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.

If you have any questions or would like to get more involved with the NALC *Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive*, please contact Will Fischer, AFL-CIO Community Services, at 202.637.5233 or wfischer@aflcio.org.

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