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TO: National and International Union Presidents
Principal Officers of State Federations and Central Labor Councils

FROM: Richard L. Trumka

DATE: January 24, 2018

RE: NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive – May 12, 2018

I am writing to encourage your participation in this year's National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Stamp Out Hunger food drive, which will occur on Saturday, May 12.

Last spring, NALC members and other union volunteers collected over 75 million pounds of food during their 25th anniversary Stamp Out Hunger food drive. Since the inception of this annual endeavor, NALC has collected over 1.6 billion pounds of food to replenish community food shelves in thousands of communities throughout the country. This remarkable feat proves what we can accomplish together with commitment, determination and hard work.

While the total pounds of food collected is hard to visualize, the faces of those who are helped by this effort are all too familiar – children, seniors and working families struggling to make ends meet. Working in partnership with AFL-CIO state and local bodies and the Labor Liaison Network, United Way Worldwide, our nation's food security advocates and a host of the 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 12, and the carrier will do the rest. Once collected, the food is taken back to postal stations, sorted, and delivered by union volunteers to area food banks and pantries.

I am proud of our long-standing partnership with NALC in this important effort. Please publicize and promote the May 12 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 families in need of this critical assistance.



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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 (215) 439-0676 or yfoa@afficio.org.

Thank you for supporting the NALC Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

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