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Working Americans March from Main Street to Statehouse for a Fair Economy

Participants rally for good jobs, health care for Ohio, not Wall Street greed

(Columbus, Feb. 25) Over 100 working people marched from Main Street to the Statehouse today, calling for good jobs, not money for Wall Street. Participants rallied at the state capitol, demanding lawmakers focus on creating jobs and making Wall Street pay for the economic crisis they created. Participants called for real solutions to help working people and put Main Street back to work.

Marchers chanted, “Good jobs now, make Wall Street pay,” and called for the immediate creation of family-supporting jobs. People held signs saying, “Dear Wall Street: you destroyed millions of jobs. Fix your mess.” and “Dear Congress: Main Street jobs, no band-aid solutions.” Some participants dressed up as Wall Street executives from firms like Goldman Sachs and Lehman Brothers to highlight the role of the greedy CEOs in creating the economic crisis.

At the rally, speakers called for Congress and the White House to take serious action to invest in Main Street jobs and said bandage solutions would not be enough to reverse the bad economy. They called for corporate lobbyists to stop skewing the economy toward Wall Street.

Speakers at the rally included Ohio State Rep. Dan Stewart; Ohio AFL-CIO President Joe Rugola; Dan Heck, Ohio Working America Director; and Columbus residents.

Stewart highlighted the economic crisis, noting that, “it was about corporate greed, the lack of government regulation, and CEOs making 300 times what working people make.”

Rugola talked about how corporations and Wall Street executives destroyed working people’s jobs and an economy that worked for Main Street.

“Ohio working people have been slaughtered by a bad economy, bad decisions made by the last administration and Wall Street greed,” said Heck. “Working people are saying ‘no more’ and marched today to call attention to how bad things are for Main Street.”

Heck noted that Working America members are sick and tired of an economy that isn’t working for working people. Working America goes door-to-door every night talking to

working people in Ohio and across the country, demanding good jobs and a fair economy. Each week, Working America speaks to over 7,000 people in Ohio alone.

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Working America, community affiliate of the AFL-CIO, represents working families to mobilize around economic issues like health care and good jobs. Working America represents 3 million people and is the fastest-growing organization for working people in the country. For more information, go to www.workingamerica.org.