

CALLING ON [YOUR ORGANIZATION] TO SUPPORT THE MAIN STREET CONTRACT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

WHEREAS, American families continue to suffer the consequences of an unrelenting economic crisis with the highest levels of unemployment in decades, underfunded schools, and decreasing healthcare, retirement, and housing security; and



WHEREAS, wages for American workers have fallen or stagnated for much of the past three decades, eroding the American promise of a better life for our children and future generations; and

WHEREAS, in contrast, Wall Street and U.S. corporate profits last year grew at the fastest rate in 60 years, and more than 40 percent of U.S. corporations paid no federal income taxes for two years or more during the period of 1998 to 2005; and some of the largest U.S. corporations, including Exxon/Mobil, Bank of America, and General Electric, paid no taxes last year despite billions in profits, yet received federal tax refunds; and

WHEREAS, in dozens of states, governors and legislators are promoting deep cuts in education and social safety net programs and limits on democratic rights of working people, while giving new tax breaks to corporations and super-wealthy individuals; and Congress is considering substantial cuts in vital federal programs while extending tax cuts for the wealthy and discussing further cuts in corporate taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that [your organization] endorses the Main Street Contract for the American People, which calls for jobs at living wages, guaranteed healthcare, equal access to quality education, a secure retirement, good housing and protection from hunger, a safe and clean environment, and a just taxation system where corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that [your organization] calls for an end to blaming working people for the economic recession and budget deficits caused by Wall Street greed, corporate tax loopholes, and bailouts, and opposes cuts in Social Security, Medicare, and other safety net programs and regressive taxes on poor and middle-income families.

