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UE President to join U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders for #ReplaceNAFTA Day-of-Action Event: Nationwide Call for Successful Renegotiation to Eliminate Pact's Job Outsourcing Incentives, Add Strong Labor and Environmental Terms

WHAT: Press event as part of NAFTA Day of Action during the Washington, D.C., round of NAFTA renegotiation talks. U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), other members of Congress, labor and civil society leaders join Americans nationwide calling and tweeting at Congress to demand a successful renegotiation of NAFTA to eliminate its outsourcing incentives and add strong labor and environmental terms.

UE is joining with other U.S. unions, consumer and environmental groups to urge the administration to eliminate NAFTA's outsourcing incentives and add strong labor and environmental terms with swift and certain enforcement to raise wages. Almost one million U.S. jobs have been certified as lost to NAFTA, with more outsourced every week to Mexico, where wages are 9 percent lower than before NAFTA and a tenth of what they are in the U.S, and Canada. As part of the national Day-of-Action, UE locals around the country will be mobilizing their members to make calls to Congress, joining more than 10 million people engaged in #ReplaceNAFTA actions.

WHEN: 11 a.m. EST Wednesday, December 13

WHERE: 608 Dirksen Senate Office Building

WHO: Speakers include:

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.)

U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.)

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.)

Peter Knowlton – President, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America Randi Weingarten – President, American Federation of Teachers Sister Simone Campbell – Exec. Dir., NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

Roger Johnson – President, National Farmers Union

Others TBD