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Rally to Extend Emergency Unemployment Insurance

WHAT: The Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program expired at the end of the year. Congress didn't act and 1.3 million workers abruptly lost their benefits. That number is climbing an estimated 72,000 each week. **There are 92,148 Illinoisans who have already lost these benefits — the fourth highest in the nation.** We are calling on Congress to extend the federal emergency unemployment insurance program through 2014. Congress must act soon so to restore these necessary benefits to unemployed workers and their families.

WHO: The Honorable Jan Schakowsky, US Representative, Illinois 9th District.
William McNary, Co-Director, Citizen Action/Illinois
United Steelworkers Local 8565 (workers affected by the loss of EUC)

WHEN: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 | 2:15pm

WHERE: John C. Kluczynski Federal Building, 230 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago

PHOTO OP: Advocates and supporters who will call on Congress to extend emergency unemployment insurance.

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The **United Steelworkers Union** is the largest private-sector union in North America, representing workers in a range of industries including metals, mining, rubber, paper and forestry, oil refining, health care, security, hotels, and municipal governments and agencies. For more information, visit www.usw.org.

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