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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Last summer, workers and advocates across Massachusetts united to kick off the Fight for \$15 with rallies in Boston's Copley Square, at Walmart in Worcester, and at McDonald's in Springfield. What started as a series of worker strikes in the fast food industry has now become a **national movement against income inequality**.

Now, union workers in our state are demanding a \$15 minimum start rate from their employers in contract negotiations – and winning! Non-union workers are mobilizing so they too can win \$15/hour and a union. The Fight for \$15 has become a **clear and powerful statement against corporate greed and the race to the bottom**.

While we fight to raise up low wage workers we are also fighting to protect those workers that have decent wages and benefits, with several major contract fights looming in Massachusetts this year. We need to unite both into a powerful movement for workers' rights.

This is an appeal for your organization's solidarity and participation in a major mobilization on Wednesday, April 14, 2015. This will be an historic national day of action that will include workers and advocates from across multiple industries, movements, and communities – hopefully including yours!

The April 14th rally is scheduled to begin at 4pm near Northeastern followed by a march to downtown Boston. Coordinated actions are also planned for other parts of the state. For more information contact: Carl Nilson, 617-470-5664, carl@field-first.com or Russ Davis, 617-413-0713, russdavis@comcast.net
Thanks and see you on the 14th!

In Solidarity,

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__ Yes, we want to endorse April 14 and will take the following steps to mobilize our members:

__ Have a speaker in support of April 14 at our upcoming membership meeting or event. We will also distribute materials at that meeting/event. Date: _____

__ Send an email blast to our membership promoting April 14 (text can be provided).

__ Include a flyer (copies can be provided) promoting the event in our next membership mailing and/or include the flyer in our ongoing membership communication efforts.

__ Phone bank our members and/or send a text to our membership promoting April 14.

__ Use our organization's website and social media to promote April 14 and ask our communications person to participate in the digital promotion plan for the event (sharing/echoing content provided by event organizers).

Organization: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

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