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Dear Fellow Workers:

One way in which the worsening economic crisis is hitting all workers, including union members, is through the state, county and city budget crises. While it is planned to use these budget crises to cut wages, lay off workers, and further cut public services, the federal government has committed trillions of dollars to save the profits of the banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions. Presently, Congress is discussing using some \$160 billion of the bailout money to aid states, counties and municipalities. The deficits of just Berkeley, Oakland and the State of California alone would use up almost all of this. It is nowhere near adequate.

In the interests of our own members, some of whom work for agencies funded by city budgets, and in the interests of the working class as a whole, the Industrial Workers of the World's Bay Area Industrial Organizing Committee #670 proposes that the entire labor movement unite to build a mass campaign demanding that federal bail-out money be used to eliminate the budget deficits at the city, county and state levels. IOC 670 has a particular interest in this since we represent recycling workers at several job locations whose finances are ultimately dependent on city contracts.

We hope that your union, or your union affiliates, will be interested in joining with the IWW in this campaign. As we know, every day that passes means more cuts and more attacks. Please let us know if you would like a speaker from the IWW to appear at your membership or executive committee meeting. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

In Solidarity,
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