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Senate Committee on Labor and
Public Welfare

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Send the following message to those on attached sheet:

YOUR SUPPORT IS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR HISTORIC SOCIAL LEGISLATION, THE EMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER ACT, WHICH HAS JUST CLEARED BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS AND GONE TO THE PRESIDENT. THIS BIPARTISAN BILL WILL BRING SWEEPING REFORM OF FEDERAL MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR THE DISADVANTAGED AND INAUGURATE PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT, A KEY RECOMMENDATION OF THE KERNER COMMISSION. THE BILL AUTHORIZES \$9.5 BILLION OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS FOR IMPROVED SKILL TRAINING AND TO CREATE UP TO 310,000 JOBS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED AND UNDEREMPLOYED IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPHASIZING QUALITY JOBS WITH CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES. SPECIAL PROGRAMS ARE GUARANTEED FOR INDIANS, MIGRANTS, ELDERLY AND SPANISH-SPEAKING CITIZENS. EXISTING PROGRAMS INCLUDING NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS, OIC, JOB CORPS AND OTHERS ARE FULLY PROTECTED. ALTHOUGH BACKED BY ORGANIZED LABOR, URBAN COALITION, CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS, RELIGIOUS AND WELFARE AGENCIES, SPOKESMEN FOR CITIES AND COUNTIES, AND ALTHOUGH SIMILAR TO "NEW FEDERALISM" MANPOWER REFORM PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT NIXON ON AUGUST 12, 1969, THIS BILL IS THREATENED BY A PRESIDENTIAL VETO WHICH COULD NOT BE OVER-RIDDEN IN THIS SESSION. SIMILAR LEGISLATION NEXT YEAR APPEARS UNATTAINABLE. IT IS ABSOLUTELY URGENT THAT THOSE WHO APPRECIATE THE CRITICAL NEED FOR THIS BREAKTHROUGH IN FIGHTING POVERTY PUBLICLY EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS TO THE PRESIDENT IN HOPES OF HEADING OFF AN ILL-CONSIDERED VETO.

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Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on
Employment, Manpower and Poverty



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TELEGRAM TO GO TO:

2 Mr. Ralph Abernathy
c/o Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

7 Mrs. Martin Luther King
234 Sunset Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

4 Mayor Charles Evers
Mayor of Fayette
Fayette, Mississippi

5 Mr. Jesse Jackson
Operation Breadbasket
366 East 47th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60653



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