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“MANUFACTURED DEBT CEILING CRISIS” ANTI-POVERTY AND LABOR GROUPS TARGET WALL STREET

On Friday August 5th, 2011 at 4 pm in San Francisco's Union Square, impoverished and working class people from throughout the West Coast along with allies from Chicago and NYC are converging on the SF financial district to protest wall street's role in the financial crisis and the ensuing government divestment in social programs. Named the “Great American TARP Tour”, this event consists of a cross section of the United States, including involvement of impoverished communities, immigrants, union members, communities of color, homeless people, and more. The Great American TARP tour will include music, popular education, marching, dancing, and a tour of the biggest culprits of dirty deeps and despair located in the financial district.

According to Paul Boden of Western Regional Advocacy Project, “While Washington was engaged in a manufactured crisis over the debt ceiling, some 40 million people are living in a real crisis, facing a choice between buying groceries or paying the rent.”

The biggest players on Wall Street have foreclosed the homes of millions of families, attacked labor and front-line workers, and funded the criminalization and incarceration of poor and homeless people at record rates. Wells Fargo and others are among the biggest investors in private prisons in the United States.

Big Finance has held the people of the United States up for hundreds of billions of dollars and got a handout from the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), otherwise known as the Big Banks Bailout.

When: Friday, August 5, 2011, 4pm
Where: Union Square, San Francisco

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Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency, Berkeley, CA | Coalition on Homelessness, San Francisco |
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Sisters Of The Road, Portland, OR | Street Spirit, Oakland, CA