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**Statement of Terence M. O'Sullivan,
General President of LIUNA,
On the U.S. House Economic Recovery Proposal**

"Progress ... but falls far short"

Washington, D.C. (January 15, 2009) LIUNA – the Laborers' International Union of North America – has called for one-third of any investment in economic recovery to be in the form of caring for the country's long-neglected transportation systems, energy systems and schoolhouses.

Among those most harshly affected by the economic crisis are those in the construction industry – working class Americans whose paychecks would quickly circulate throughout their communities and the economy. Currently 15.3 percent of construction workers, or 1.4 million men and women, are jobless.

LIUNA General President Terence M. O'Sullivan made the following statement today on the details of the U.S. House of Representative's economic recovery proposal:

"Any step forward is progress, but this level of investment falls far short of needs and fails to fully take advantage of the opportunity to put America back to work building the essential and long neglected basics of our country. It falls short of the opportunity to invest in a way that can revive our economy and leave behind tangible assets and a positive legacy for generations to come."

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The members of LIUNA – the Laborers' International Union of North America – are on the forefront of the construction industry, a powerhouse of 10 million workers who build America.

To learn more about LIUNA's Build America, so America Works - a long-term effort to make taking care of America's basics a national priority - go to www.LiunaBuildsAmerica.org.