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VIA FEDEX

September 23, 2008

The Honorable F. Ray Marshall
The Ray Marshall Center
The University of Texas at Austin
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Dear Secretary Marshall:

The United States Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS) administers many provisions of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA). The Act grants OLMS authority to conduct investigations, enter places, and inspect records. (29 U.S.C. § 521)

In conversations the week of September 15th, it was confirmed that a hearing has been scheduled for September 26 and 27, 2008 to evaluate whether a trustee should be appointed at SEIU United Healthcare Workers-West (UHW-W). As you are aware, we requested that an OLMS investigator be present to observe the hearing. It is our understanding that after consultation with the SEIU International Union, you will not honor our request.

The hearing procedures indicate that the hearing will be transcribed and videotaped. OLMS will continue to monitor this matter.

Sincerely,

Dennis Eckert
Regional Director

cc: Mr. Andrew L. Stern, International President
Mr. Sal Rosselli, UHW-W President