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***** CONFERENCE CALL - MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008, 12:00 PM EST*****

New Survey Reveals Severe Hardships of Current Unemployment Crisis

Findings Underscore Urgent Need to Modernize the Unemployment Insurance Program to Help Stimulate the Economy

NELP Calls for Immediate Action as Part of Economic Recovery Plan for New Administration

New York, NY- This Monday, December 8, the National Employment Law Project (NELP) will join a panel of experts, including Professor Robert Reich, on a national media conference call to discuss the results of a new national survey documenting the specific and severe hardships of unemployment in today's economy.

Conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates, the survey of a nationally representative sample of unemployed workers profiles the devastating impact of unemployment on the ability of families of all incomes and backgrounds to secure and maintain basic necessities such as housing, food, and health care. Of special significance, the poll highlights the value of unemployment benefits in reducing the hardships of unemployment and the important role that unemployment benefits play in paying for basic necessities that support the economy. The findings call attention to the special need to enact pending legislation to modernize the unemployment insurance program as part of the new economic recovery initiative being developed by Congress and President- Elect Obama.

WHAT: Press call to discuss the results of a new national survey documenting the specific and severe hardships of unemployment.

WHEN: MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009 AT 12:00 PM EST

WHO: **Professor Robert Reich**, University of California, Berkeley; Goldman School of Public Policy
Guy Molyneux, Peter D. Hart Research Associates
Maurice Emsellem, Policy Co-Director, National Employment Law Project

CONTACT: To participate on this national press call and receive the poll results, contact Jeanine Plant of Pro-Media Communications at 212-245-0510 or jplant@pro-mediacomunications.com.

About NELP

The National Employment Law Project is a non-profit research and advocacy organization that partners with local communities to deliver on the nation's promise of economic opportunity. In partnership with national, state and local allies, NELP promotes policies and programs that create good jobs, strengthen upward mobility, enforce hard-won worker rights, and help unemployed workers regain their economic footing through improved benefits and services.

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