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Dear Supporter: 74

On December 1, 1988 the Boston Hotel Workers-Local 26 negotiated the first-ever housing trust fund. Local 26 is representative of the Boston area's racial and ethnic diversity, with over 5,000 members speaking 87 languages and dialects. The housing fund epitomizes the premise of the union: to raise the standard of working people at their jobs we must be involved in the communities where they live.

In order for the housing trust fund to become a reality the Taft-Hartley Act must be adjusted. This act identifies the benefits unions and management can bargain over. Currently, unions and management cannot agree to provide housing assistance to the membership.

Senator Kennedy has introduced legislation to amend Taft-Hartley for the first time in twenty years. This bill (S-1949), co-sponsored by Senator Hatch, has unanimously passed the Senate. However, it must become law by May 31, 1990 for us to develop this model.

It is currently awaiting action in the House of Representatives. We need your help in facilitating this important legislation.

Please:

1) Complete the enclosed form and mail it to your Congressperson. (Enclosed is a list of the Massachusetts Congresspersons' mailing addresses and the zip codes within their districts).

2) Send your Congressperson a letter of support on the letterhead of your place of work or an organization you are affiliated with. Please send a copy to Andrew Card, White house Deputy Chief of Staff, and to Local 26 (enclosed is a draft letter with Andrew Card's address).

Please get as many people to mail the forms as possible. If you have any questions or need additional forms for your friends, family or associates, contact us at 617-423-3335. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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