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WHAT: California Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign "March for Our Lives" on Sacramento

WHEN: Pre-Assembly Gathering 9AM, May 12th

WHERE: 7th and K St., St Rose of Lima Park, Sacramento

WHO: California Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign and The Women's Economic Agenda Project

March for Our Lives: "We Stand United for Economic Human Rights! Our Right to Healthcare is not Negotiable! It is a Necessity!"

The California Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign (PPEHRC) will be holding a pre-assembly **March for Our Lives pre-rally** at **St. Rose of Lima Park on Wednesday, May 12th at 9am**. Later, the PPEHRC will be joining the United for a Fair Budget March and Rally with thousands of seniors, service providers and advocates.

The rally will convene at 9:15 am for a rally and will include speakers from organized labor, hip-hop artists, testimony of economic human rights violation and much more. **Participants include:** SEIU, Covenant House, a recovery home, SHOC, a homeless advocacy group, Merced Labor Party, UFCW Bay Area Coalition, Community Homeless Alliance Ministry of San Jose (CHAM), March 4 Education Committee of Richmond, OASIS, a Hep C education group, the California Nurses Association and students of Santa Clara University.

The "March for Our Lives" will deliver the **message** that poor and working people united are a force to be reckoned with. We cannot be divided amongst each other as our government cuts the programs and services we have come to know—from our libraries to our schools to our hospitals. The need, now more than ever for is for a movement for economic human rights in this country. The pre-rally will focus on **healthcare** and the need to protect SB 2, which will provide healthcare for 1 million workers. We will deliver the message **"No repeal of SB2! On to single-payer for all!"**

Ethel Long-Scott, Executive Director of WEAP said, "We are marching for our lives because our lives and livelihoods are endangered. Californian citizens' right to healthcare is at a crossroads. With the potential repeal of SB2 and the devastating cuts that have already been made to health delivery across the state, all of us are facing potential devastation. **Every dollar cut is another life at stake.** We refuse to sit aside in the wealthiest state in the wealthiest country in the world and watch while our healthcare system and ultimately our right to live are destroyed."

WEAP is part of the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign (PPEHRC), which is on a mission to reclaim our economic human rights that were guaranteed to us in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that was signed by the US in 1948. These include the **right to food, housing, education, living wage jobs and healthcare.** This is part of a series of events throughout California aimed at highlighting violations of our right to healthcare.