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National Marches at the RNC and DNC Calling for an End to Poverty in the U.S. Holding Joint Press Conference in Cleveland on July 7 at 10:00 AM

In a presidential election where the needs and the rights of the poor in the United States continue to be ignored, two national marches are being held on the opening days of both the Republican National Convention and the Democratic National Convention calling for an end to poverty and a recognition of our economic human rights.

On July 18 at 2:00 PM a coalition of 28 Cleveland area groups will be holding the End Poverty Now! March for Economic Justice beginning at East 45th and Superior Avenues (www.endpovertynow2106.org). On July 25 at 3:00 the Poor Peoples Economic Human Rights Campaign (PPEHRC) will be holding the March for Our Lives beginning at the Southside of Philadelphia City Hall (www.march4ourlives.org), an action with over 40 endorsements. Both marches will be led by and composed of predominately low income residents.

Together, the leaders of both marches will be holding a press conference in Cleveland to describe why these marches are so necessary to put pressure on the leaders of both of both parties to end the economic inequities and inexcusable poverty that exists in the United States. The press conference will be held at **10 AM on Thursday July 7 in front of the Cuyahoga Job and Family Service Building at 1641 Payne Ave, Cleveland.**

PPEHRC National Coordinator Cheri Honkala speaks to the context of the march. "In 1948 the U.S. took the leadership in the passage of the Declaration of Human Rights. Articles 23, 25 and 26 of the human rights included the rights to food, housing, health care, education and living wage jobs. Instead of abiding these rights, we have had an ongoing war on the poor. This has to end."

Diana King, chair of United Clevelanders Against Poverty, one of the 28 Cleveland coalition groups speaks to own predicament. "Our family is not atypical for family in poverty. "My husband, who has health problems, has an hourly job with low wages, and we struggle to make it day to day. If he lost his job, my family would be out on the streets homeless. We need a true War on Poverty to create stable families."

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