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Dear LERA Chapter Representative,

You are invited to attend the upcoming National Policy Forum. I've enclosed a few of our printed preliminary programs; please distribute them to interested members. If you register for the event, remember that the "member" price includes LERA chapter members.

8th LERA National Policy Forum, June 11-12, 2009  
Cafritz Conference Center, George Washington University  
800 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052

This year's forum will have a particular focus on policy issues around union organizing, executive compensation, health care and pension benefits, and other issues for which legislative debates are anticipated or already taking place and where public policy can be informed by scholarly research and practitioner perspectives. Through a series of workshops and plenary sessions featuring nationally known speakers and panels of legislators, Capitol Hill staffers, labor and management practitioners, and leading researchers, the LERA Policy Forum will provide a unique opportunity to participate in the public policy dialogue concerning today's most pressing problems. The forum will look at these issues from multiple perspectives and participants will learn how workers, their families, employers, and government leaders are affected by current conditions, practices, and policies.

**Keynote addresses by national leaders:**

- Hon. Hilda Solis, Secretary, US Department of Labor (invited)
- Bob DuPuy, President and COO of Major League Baseball
- Richard Trumka, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO
- Lisa Lynch, Dean, Heller School of Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

The conference will run from 8:00 a.m. Thursday through 12:30 p.m. on Friday. Conference registration includes attendance to all sessions and speaker plenary events, a Thursday luncheon, breakfasts on both mornings, and a reception on Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m.

**The early-bird discount deadline is May 25<sup>th</sup>.** The early-bird registration price for both the conference and for hotel rooms at the Washington Hilton is only available through May 25, 2009. To register for the conference, reserve a hotel room, or view the complete program, see links below:

- Register for the conference -- <http://www.lera.uiuc.edu/forms/npfRegistrationForm2009.asp>
- Reserve discounted hotel room -- <http://www.lera.uiuc.edu/meetings/npf/npf2009/hotelreserv.htm>
- View meeting program -- [http://www.lera.uiuc.edu/meetings/npf/NPF2009/npf\\_program.asp](http://www.lera.uiuc.edu/meetings/npf/NPF2009/npf_program.asp)

Thank you for serving as the liaison for your chapter and keeping members up-to-date on LERA activities, and please contact me directly if you have any questions.

Cordially,

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