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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Advocates Deliver 25,000 Signatures Urging Mayor Emanuel to Support Paid Sick Days**

**WHO:** Women Employed, Restaurant Opportunities Center Chicago, Arise Chicago, Local 881 United Food & Commercial Workers, Planned Parenthood of Illinois, Chicago Foundation for Women, Mujeres Latinas en Accion, and Jobs with Justice.

**WHAT:** Earned Sick Time Coalition members will deliver 25,000 signatures to Mayor Rahm Emanuel urging him to support a paid sick days measure.

**WHEN:** Thursday, July, 31, 2014, 4PM

**WHERE:** Chicago City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle, 5th Floor

**WHY:** Leaders of the Earned Sick Time Coalition will deliver 25,000 signatures collected from a national online campaign (WeAreUltraViolet) and Chicagoans to support paid sick days for all Chicagoans. Specifically, the online signatures were collected to support a mother who was fired from Whole Foods to take care of her son during the polar vortex.

In the recommendations made by the Chicago Minimum Wage Working Group, the report to the Mayor urged City Council to support paid sick time as a necessary policy change, particularly to combat the long-standing gender-based wage gap since women make up the majority of workers earning \$13 an hour or less in Chicago.

Leaders of the Earned Sick Time Coalition urge the Mayor to address these recommendations to lift the status of all working families in Chicago.

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