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**Statewide 24 hr Vigils end today at 11:30 am:**

**Workers Continue Efforts to Urge Senator Feinstein to support their right to join a union through the Employee Free Choice Act**  
*Feinstein remains lone Democratic member of the CA Congressional Delegation not supporting the legislation which would help American workers move out of poverty*

**WHAT:** Today, at 11:30 am workers will conclude 24 hour vigils being held at Federal building across the State including Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Sacramento and Fresno. The vigils began yesterday to draw attention to the need for Congress to pass the Employee Free Choice Act – federal legislation that would aid in the economic recovery of our nation by allowing workers to earn better wages, health care and retirement benefits by signing a card to join a union. More specifically, workers are calling on U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein to support the legislation. The Senator is the only Democratic member of the California Congressional Delegation not supporting it.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 7, 2009

**EVENT TIME:**

11:30 a.m. – Closing ceremony with workers, clergy and community supporters

**LOCATION:** Downtown Federal Building, 300 N. Los Angeles St. Los Angeles, CA

*The Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO is the chartered Central Labor Council (CLC) of the AFL-CIO in Los Angeles County and is the second largest in the country, representing over 800,000 workers through over 350 unions. Its mission is to promote a voice for workers so they can remain in the middle class, move themselves out of poverty by joining a union, encourage active participation in the political process by electing pro-union and pro-worker officials and to advance public policies that support workers and their families. As the coordinating center for labor's political activity, the Federation believes that in educating and mobilizing workers to be politically active they can create and sustain healthy communities, and **FIGHT FOR GOOD JOBS that REBUILD THE LOS ANGELES MIDDLE CLASS.** Visit the Federation at [www.launionaflcio.org](http://www.launionaflcio.org).*

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