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Media Advisory:

On Saturday, January 21st 2017, the day after the presidential inauguration, Springfield Call 2 ACTION, a coalition of local groups, will hold a rally on the Old State Capitol Plaza between 1:00pm -2:00pm.

This coalition is composed of groups and individuals dedicated to advocating for our community in the areas of racial, religious, social, gender, sexual orientation, environmental, and economic justice, with the goal to promote and support a more just and vibrant central Illinois where we all feel we belong and are respected.

We believe that it is critical, now more than ever, for people of good will to actively engage with and in organizations working for justice in all its facets.

The rally will feature the following speakers: Rep. Carol Ammons; Rev. Robert Freeman of the Grace and Kumler United Methodist Church; Yolanda Woods – employee of the Hope Institute and union leader; State Sen. Andy Manar, Carol Hays, Executive Director of the Prairie Rivers Network; Rick Garcia, LGBT advocate; Crysta Weitekamp, education advocate & president of the SEA; Kate Jamruk, Retiree Coordinator for AFSCME Council 31; Brigid Leahy, Director of Public Policy for Planned Parenthood of Illinois; and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin.

The MC's will be Sunshine Clemons, from Springfield Black Lives Matter and Jim Dixon, president of the Springfield & Central Illinois Trades and Labor Council.

This event will be held in conjunction and solidarity with the Women's March on Washington and sister rallies being held across the country that day.

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More information can be found at: <http://www.springfieldcall2action.org/>

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