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## **SEIU Local 73 Applauds President-elect Biden's American Rescue Plan**

**Chicago, IL** – “SEIU Local 73 applauds President-elect Biden’s American Rescue Plan and calls on Congress to pass the emergency legislative package as soon as possible,” said Dian Palmer, President of SEIU Local 73.

The proposal provides funding for America’s hardest hit, predominantly Black and Brown communities. Included in the plan is \$130 billion to help schools safely reopen in the first 100 days of the Biden administration. This includes funding to hire more janitors and ensuring every school has access to a nurse, items SEIU Local 73 has spent years advocating for.

“We have seen first-hand the risks our frontline, essential workers are facing in schools, hospitals, and government offices,” said Palmer. “President-elect Biden’s plan focuses on the workers and communities that have been neglected during this pandemic and sets us on a path towards recovery.”

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*SEIU Local 73 represents more than 29,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. We are dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families.*