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42% of Hispanic workers below poverty

Women Workers Occupy El Paso Texas City Hall Demand Stimulus Funds for Jobs and Businesses

Where's Obama's commitment to low-income women on the border?

Low-income women workers—factory workers who lost their jobs and women on public assistance—took on El Paso's City Hall today to demand stimulus funds for more than 100 jobs that are risk.

The women need stimulus funds to save 106 jobs and create at least 60 more. This would generate more than \$2.8 million in income, create microenterprises and establish a solid foundation for growing jobs, businesses and income for low-income women in one of the poorest barrios in the country.

The jobs and businesses are part of Mercado Mayapan, an initiative by the women, to create a future out of the ashes of the border economy that was destroyed by the global economic crisis.

But government support has been piecemeal, inadequate, and bureaucratic, not enough to genuinely create a future for the women.

President Obama has sent stimulus funds for bridges and roads and homeland security , and has created bailouts for the rich bankers—where are the funds for women workers in El Paso?

If it is possible to bail out car dealers and auto companies, then why can't the women on the border receive the investment they need to create a stable future.

When will Obama keep his promises to Hispanics? When will Latina women on the border and their communities become a priority for him and his administration?

The women are defending Mercado Mayapan and the future it represents.

The women seek an immediate emergency meeting with federal, state and local officials responsible for stimulus funds to resolve this crisis.

They refuse to be pushed into poverty. They are creating jobs and businesses—they deserve stimulus funds to make them sustainable.