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PORT TRUCKERS HOLD COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY RALLY ***Walkout expands with incapacitating effects on Port***

SEATTLE— As hundreds of Port of Seattle truckers enter their third week of a walkout in a fight for safety and fairness, the **Seattle Port Truckers Association** invites members of the public to stand with them at a **Solidarity Rally** Monday morning.

WHAT: SOLIDARITY RALLY

WHEN: Monday, February 13, 2012 – 9:00 am

WHERE: *The Spokane Street Bridge Fishing Area just east of the Spokane St. Bridge, near the intersection of SW Spokane and SW Manning Streets under the West Seattle Bridge.*

Seattle Port truckers and drivers from the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach, California will speak. Seattle, King County and Washington State elected officials will be present to offer support. Members from the newly-formed Wal-Mart Workers Association will also speak in solidarity with the truckers.

On Saturday, February 11, over 300 drivers participated in a Town Hall meeting in Tukwila. Elected officials from throughout the region heard their grievances and offered support. Drivers are now organizing food donations to support truckers during this work stoppage and community support organizations have announced a national campaign to raise money to cover food and housing costs during the work stoppage.

Last week, Puget Sound Sage circulated a letter of support for the drivers that now lists over 50 organizations in Washington State standing in support of the workers. Added to that list now are elected officials from throughout King County, the City of Seattle and the Washington State Legislature.

An emergency fund, established by Puget Sound Sage, will offer financial support for the drivers and their families during this time of need. Donations can be made online at www.pugetsoundsage.org, or by mailed to: Puget Sound Sage, 1032 S. Jackson St. #203, Seattle, WA 98104. #