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PRESS ADVISORY

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"We Are All In This Boat Together"

Help New York State Avoid a Social Tsunami

VOICE Buffalo to The Governor: "Keep The Boat Afloat"

VOICE-Buffalo will make a public statement in regards to Governor Paterson's Budget!

VOICE Buffalo is a faith-based organization representing eighteen congregations and organizations in the City of Buffalo and surrounding suburbs. The core elements of the VOICE perspective is founded upon:

- *the least, the last, the lowest among us must not bear a disproportionate burden*
- *we affirm the principle that those who enjoy the greatest benefit from our economic system are in the best position to contribute more revenue; a progressive tax instead of a regressive tax*
- *the budget should work toward the common good, requiring sacrifice of us all*

WHO: Father Paul Bossi –Pastor of Blessed Sacrament
William Meldrum – Our Lady of Hope Parishioner
Ava White – Second Chance Ministries, Program Supervisor, Group Ministries
Jennifer Mecozzi – (PUSH) People United for Sustainable Housing, Co-Chair

WHEN: Friday, March 20, 2009 @12:30pm

WHERE: One Naval Park Cove – near Marina

VISUALS: There will be the Sullivan Ship metaphoric backdrop, Posters, Fliers, and statistics of the impact of this budget on member congregations and organizations.

Members of VOICE-Buffalo will be available for interviews after the press conference.

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