

## Out with 2007 & In with 2008!

### ***Last year saw a number of key Rapid Response highlights:***

- The year started with work to pass the Employee Free Choice Act (HR 800). Our efforts paid off in the House in March when Representatives voted by a sound margin of 241-185 to pass the legislation. The Senate failed to gain the 3/5 support needed to “invoke cloture” which would have allowed for a true vote for the bill, but it did secure a majority of support (51-48)!
- In April, nearly 800 Rapid Response activists got together in Washington, DC to rally, lobby and get educated on key legislative issues as part of the National Rapid Response Conference.
- In late Spring, the Anti-Sweatshop Bill (HR 1992/S 367) was reintroduced in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. A national action combined with targeted local actions throughout the duration of the year helped propel the bill to 152 cosponsors in the House and 18 in the Senate – with more to come!
- September was the kick-off for a series of InfoAlerts that share the story of what happened to our economy and how it came to favor corporations over everyday Americans. If you missed any of this series, please visit the Rapid Response website under [Taking Back Our Economy](#).

***We expect another big year - Now is the time to get your Rapid Response Teams ready for the upcoming work. Watch for:***

- ✓ ***New efforts to move the Anti-Sweatshop bill***
- ✓ ***A nationwide drive to register Steelworkers to vote and candidate comparisons (part of the Rapid Response non-partisan electoral activities)***
- ✓ ***Action on key trade fights***
- ✓ ***Targeted action on national and state issues***
- ✓ ***InfoAlerts addressing the key issues facing the middle class as part of the Taking Back Our Economy series***