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“Girl On the Brink” Speaks Out for Millions of Jobless Americans for Labor Day 2009

WASHINGTON, DC – A passionate champion for the unemployed, Ann Powers speaks up for the 14.5 million jobless Americans struggling to survive these hard economic times in her new Labor Day blog post, "Manifesto of the Idle Workers of the World". And, Powers has “street cred” to back her advocacy: She’s an unemployed journalist and single mother of two.

“This is a bad dream for everybody, especially the American worker like me,” Powers says in her blog. “We don’t have bazillions in stock options. We have our families but are losing our homes. The government has given billions to bailout Wall Street, but what about the rest of us?”

As Labor Day 2009 approaches Powers says America’s public and private sectors must embrace a new priority agenda.

“Job one in America now must be a real job for anyone who wants to work,” Powers says.

Powers’ personal story and unique perspective hits home for many families facing hard times as she chronicles her day-to-day existence in the brave, new bushwhacked economy.

She puts a blunt twist on concerns facing the unemployed, with this broadside: “Has any of the \$1.5 trillion in money from the U.S. taxpayer bought a single Happy Meal for an unhappy family?”

The “Girl on the Brink” blog uses biting, sometimes sardonic humor to touch

subjects that are no laughing matter. Powers writes about her unemployed-for-a-living status and out-of-work challenges that present philosophical and moral dilemmas. Powers' true confessions center on issues of romance, family, relationships and survival as she seeks to re-balance her life after her work identity tipped off the scales.

Powers opens a window wider than any other unemployment blog with personal realities and telling anecdotes that capture her feelings of insecurity in an unsecure world. How life turns out for Powers and millions of Americans like her has yet to unfold.

Powers is available for interviews and her full Labor Day 2009 blog post is available for publication upon request. The "Manifesto of the Idle Workers of the World" will go live at www.girlonthebrink.com on Labor Day.

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