



# Florida AFL-CIO

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY – February 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **-TITUSVILLE EVENT GROWING-**

### **THOUSANDS EXPECTED FROM ACROSS FLORIDA**

### **TO RALLY FOR NASA JOBS, FUTURE OF MANNED**

### **SPACEFLIGHT IN FLORIDA**

### ***“Rain or Shine”***

Recent budget proposals working their way through Congress all but eliminate funding for NASA’s human spaceflight operations in Florida. Space operations have long been one of Florida’s most important economic sectors, supporting tens of thousands of good jobs and providing the economic cornerstone for many communities across the state. The loss of this economic engine will eliminate tens of thousands of jobs, decimate many communities and send shock waves across the state, resulting in the loss of billions of dollars in economic activity – this at a time when Florida is facing its greatest unemployment and economic crisis in recent memory.

Workers and their families will travel to Titusville from Miami, Pensacola, Jacksonville and all points in between to join business and community leaders to rally in support of continued federal funding of this vital economic driver for Florida’s future and to protect this important part of Florida’s heritage. **The rally will feature National AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka and other leaders from the American labor movement who will use this dire situation as a backdrop to launch a national jobs campaign that will create 10 million American jobs.**

**Who: Workers and families from across Florida, Chamber of Commerce and Community Leaders, National AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, members of the National AFL-CIO Executive Council and Florida AFL-CIO President Mike Williams**

**Where: Chain of Lakes Park, 1311 North US 1, Titusville, 32796**

**When: Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM**

***SHELTER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA IN THE EVENT OF RAIN***