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**JAMES THINDWA, FEATURED GUEST OF BILL MOYERS,
SPEAKS ON EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE
Advocates for Teachers and the Funding of Public Schools and Single Payer Health Insurance**

Madison, WI – James Thindwa will address the current crisis in education and healthcare in a talk being given at the Labor Temple on Saturday, April 10, at 2 p.m. Mr. Thindwa, the Civic Engagement Coordinator for Chicago Alliance of Charter Teachers and Staff, is the charismatic community organizer featured on Bill Moyers Journal for his work helping communities improve labor standards and community access to public education and healthcare.

James Thindwa will demonstrate that our basic civil rights are endangered by privatization efforts seeking to profit from education and healthcare. He will explain that teachers are being blamed for low performing schools when, in fact, the fault lies in society's failure to lift families from the depths of poverty and inequality. Mr. Thindwa will relate privatization efforts in public education to the established private health insurance system and demonstrate that privatization drives up costs and limits equal access to goods and services.

James Thindwa's work involves building community and political support toward the effort to organize charter school teachers. Prior to that, Mr. Thindwa served as executive director of Chicago Jobs With Justice, a labor-community coalition that promotes workers rights. During the 1970's and 1980's James was a student leader in the anti-apartheid movement. His other endeavors include serving on the boards of Illinois Labor History Society, In These Times magazine, where he is also a writer, and CAN TV. On March 27, 2009, James' organizing work was featured on PBS's Bill Moyers Journal..

The Single Payer Action Network, established to educate the public and the legislature about single payer healthcare solution, has branches all across America. The Madison Single Payer Action Network (SPAN), was established in August of 2009.

If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with James Thindwa, please call Steve blank at 608-831-2054 or email Steve at steveblank@mac.com.