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NETWORK Nuns Respond to Pence as Trump's Choice for Vice Presidential Nominee

Indianapolis – As the Nuns on the Bus roll through Indiana today on their way to the Republican National Convention next week, Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, Executive Director of NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice released the following statement in response to the announcement that Indiana Governor Mike Pence is presumptive-Republican-nominee Donald Trump's choice for Vice President:

"While Governor Pence has said he is a Christian above all, his voting record in Congress and many of his actions as Governor belie this identity. In Congress, Governor Pence voted consistently to leave the needs of low-income families out of his concern, which is not a Christian response to the huge income and wealth gaps in our nation.

"We at NETWORK urge Governor Pence to get to know the struggles of our people and to recognize that Pope Francis is correct when he says that politicians need to build bridges, not walls."

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NETWORK, advocates for justice inspired by Catholic sisters, educates, organizes, and lobbies for economic and social transformation. They have a more than 40-year track record of lobbying for critical federal programs that support those at the margins and prioritize the common good. www.networklobby.org

Nuns on the Bus, a project of NETWORK, is in the midst of its fifth national tour, themed "Mend the Gaps: Reweaving the Fabric of Society." They are driving over 2,400 miles to meet with individuals, families, and communities in 13 states (Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) and 23 cities during a 19-day bus tour from July 11-29 – and bringing their message to the Republican and Democratic Conventions. www.nunsonthebus.org