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## **RALPH NADER TO SPEAK In New Haven, CT on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> At an event celebrating Between The Lines Radio Newsmagazine's 20th Year on the air**

Citizen activist and former presidential candidate Ralph Nader will be the keynote speaker at Between the Lines Radio Newsmagazine's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in New Haven, CT on Saturday, May 14th.

Nader's speech titled, "*Overcoming the Power of the Plutocrats by Forging the Power of the People – 2012?*" will address the topic of corporate dominance of the U.S. political system and the fight now underway in Wisconsin and around the country to protect workers' rights and the middle class from a hostile corporate takeover of our government.

The event will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. May 14 at the United Church on the Green, 270 Temple Street, New Haven (corner of Temple and Elm). Suggested contribution \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For tickets and information, visit [www.Squeakywheel.net](http://www.Squeakywheel.net), [www.BTLonline.org](http://www.BTLonline.org) or call (203) 268-8446.

At the event, Between The Lines will present its "Democracy in Action" awards to two Connecticut groups that embody the best of grassroots activism: The Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut for their campaign advocating health care reform in Connecticut and Council 4 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees – AFSCME, for their actions protecting jobs and benefits of state and municipal workers.

Ralph Nader's talk, will be followed by a book signing – and a post-talk reception and silent auction will take place at the home of two-time Green Party 3rd District Congressional candidate Charlie Pillsbury.

"Between The Lines," a half-hour radio newsmagazine celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2011, was founded at WPKN Radio 89.5 FM in Bridgeport, CT in the lead-up to the 1991 Persian Gulf War to probe the causes and conduct of the conflict that other media outlets failed to cover. Between The Lines continued production after the conclusion of the Gulf War, but with a broader focus: providing a platform for journalists, activists and spokespersons from progressive organizations generally ignored or marginalized by the corporate media.

Over the last 20 years the program, which is now heard on more than 50 radio stations across the U.S., has covered a wide range of issues including: the ongoing U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, international grassroots resistance to corporate-led globalization and free trade economic policy; growing income inequality in the US; the crisis in U.S. health care; flaws in the U.S. electoral system and post-9/11 assaults on the U.S. Constitution, Geneva Conventions and other international treaties.

Ralph Nader is an attorney, Winsted, CT native and four-time presidential candidate, who ran as the Green Party nominee in 1996 and 2000, and as an independent in 2004 and 2008.

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He has spent a career fighting for corporate accountability and more responsive government. Nader burst on the national scene in the mid-1960s when he wrote a pathbreaking book about the safety problems in American cars, titled "Unsafe at Any Speed." The expose shocked the public and prompted Congress to pass laws requiring more safe automobiles and the creation of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which enforced safety standards.

Soon after, Nader investigated and exposed questionable practices in other industries --- ranging from meatpacking to coal mining -- that led to landmark reforms. In 1969, Nader formed the Center for Responsive Law, and brought in a number of young activists to work with him. Dubbed "Naders Raiders," the group probed a number of government agencies and industries, exposing lax government enforcement and irresponsible business practices.

Nader founded a number of groups to strengthen citizens' rights, including: Public Citizen, the Project on Corporate Responsibility, the Public Interest Research Group, Multinational Monitor -- and in Connecticut he co-founded the Connecticut Citizen Action Group.

Nader, who has been at the forefront of campaigns to bring about campaign finance reforms, closing nuclear power plants and developing renewable energy, is also the author of a number of books. His latest book and first novel, "Only the Super Rich Can Save Us," offers a utopian vision, urging billionaires to pledge the majority of their wealth to charities and activist groups -- of which nearly 60 parties (initiated by Warren Buffet and Bill Gates) have already signed on.

Community co-sponsors of the May 14th event are: Connecticut Citizen Action Group, Connecticut Center for a New Economy, Greater New Haven Peace Council, Northeast Organic Farming Association, Fight the Hike, the May Day Celebration Committee, The CT Green Party, the New Haven Green Party, Fairfield County Green Party and the Working Families Party. Media sponsors are: WPKN Radio, New Haven Advocate and Fairfield Weekly

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