

May 21, 2020

Re: Delivery of over 2 million petition signatures regarding the Essential Worker Bill of Rights

Dear Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell:

We are writing to you on behalf of **over 2,100,000 Americans**, both essential workers and those they serve, to demand Senate passage of protections from the Essential Worker Bill of Rights.

Essential workers are on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic, and many are working in high-risk conditions without appropriate equipment, safety standards, adequate pay, or job protections. On May 15, 2020 the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions, or “HEROES,” Act which includes key provisions of the Essential Worker Bill of Rights. Now, it is imperative for the Senate to pass the HEROES Act and the Essential Worker Bill of Rights to ensure all essential workers receive the workplace protections, family benefits, and premium pay they deserve and need to support their families and communities. Essential workers are our path out of this pandemic and our nation’s health and economy cannot emerge intact without them.

Among the provisions from the Essential Worker Bill of Rights included in the HEROES Act are the following measures which would protect our essential workers:

1. Personal protective equipment funding,
2. \$200 billion in hazard pay,
3. Paid sick and family medical leave,
4. Child care support,
5. OSHA protections,
6. A definition of "essential" to include healthcare, sanitation, grocery, and domestic workers, and
7. Inclusion of immigrants in worker protections and compensation.

For these reasons, we, the undersigned Americans, have signed petitions organized by 30 organizations, along with a coalition of over 75 organizations, to demand **Senate passage of the HEROES Act, including provisions of the Essential Workers Bill of Rights that essential workers and their families need to be protected and compensated.**

You can access the over two million signatures [here](#). If you have any questions about these signatures, our coalition can be reached via email at [ntebo.mokuena@dailykos.com](mailto:ntebo.mokuena@dailykos.com), [cjiang@greenpeace.org](mailto:cjiang@greenpeace.org), and [emma.einhorn@moveon.org](mailto:emma.einhorn@moveon.org).

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
2.1 million Americans and

*350.org*  
*ActionAid USA*  
*American Federation of State, County and  
Municipal Employees*  
*American Federation of Teachers*  
*Americans for Democratic Action*  
*AFGE Local 704*  
*Alliance of Nurses for Healthy  
Environments*  
*Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance*  
*Asian Pacific Environmental Network*  
*Be A Hero Fund*  
*Care in Action*  
*Center for Coalfield Justice*  
*Courage California*  
*Daily Kos*  
*Environmental Health Strategy Center*  
*Friends of the Earth Action*  
*Green America*  
*Greenpeace USA*  
*Labor Network for Sustainability*  
*MoveOn*

*National Domestic Workers Alliance*  
*Oil Change U.S.*  
*Oxfam America*  
*People's Lobby*  
*Progress America*  
*Pride at Work*  
*Progressive Change Campaign Committee*  
*Plastic Pollution Coalition*  
*Presente.org*  
*Rethink Trade*  
*Rising Tide North America*  
*Service Employees International Union*  
*Tax March*  
*UltraViolet*  
*United Food and Commercial Workers*  
*United for Respect*  
*Warren Democrats*  
*Women's March*  
*Working Families Party*

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