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, cjiang@greenpeace.org, and emma.einhorn@moveon.org.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
2.1 million Americans and
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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
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