Unions Built the Working Class - Let’s Support Them and Their Fight

By Sen. Adam Hollier

In May 2013, I stood with fast food workers as they went on strike in Detroit to demand a $15 minimum wage.

Six years later, more people have begun to galvanize around a $15 minimum wage - not just in Detroit, but across the state of Michigan. Every worker deserves fair wages for a day’s work. And, for generations, thousands of workers in this state - union and non-union alike - have been willing to put their bodies on the line to fight for wages that are respectful to the work they perform.

The GOP has spent the last eight years ignoring working people and refused to support any legislation intended to support all Michigan workers. This means that today, workers have no voice when it comes to how much they can expect to make.

When the debates about this nation’s and state’s future comes to Michigan next week, let’s hope everyone knows it’s too late to get to the playbook that built the middle class and that time is now. The GOP will not be allowed to organize in their favor. The 2022 election is one important part of the equation.

We can do better when we work in concert.


Letters to the Editor

By Victor L. Marsh, Sr.

Dear Editor,

We want America to treat people seeking greener pastures with respect when they come to America as immigrants. Black folks, originally from African nations, who are advocates for our community. We want to keep and expand our health care. Don’t cut it, fix it.

We want to make sure that our children have our children’s good teachers and administrators leading right in our own neighbor’s schools.

We want police officers that respect the people they are sworn to protect. We want workers that are not making a living in a park, or shipping in a store.

We want to access finance to and support the poor. We want the neighborhoods that are safe, beautiful, and secure.

We want the retirement programs and social security to be preserved when we go to Social Security and Medicare.

We want to be able to send our children to college that is affordable and won’t ruin us. We don’t want to go into debt after college.

We want jobs and opportunity for those inside the neighborhood and those returning citizens coming back to the neighborhoods.

We want an end to racism and an end to an accommodation in which our children will be able to grow up clean, beautiful, and safe. We want to make sure that we are not losing a generation of nature for future generations.

Finally, we know that we have a duty to speak and to sing. We need to keep it in our soul. We need to keep it in our heart. We need to keep it in our soul. We need to keep it in our heart.

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