

## **Additional Support for the Living Wage for All Act:**

“The introduction of the *Living Wage for All Act* is a powerful testament to the worker-led movement that is forcing a new baseline for livable wages. While the affordability crisis continues to squeeze working families, SEIU members are organizing and pushing for even higher standards across the country. We applaud Rep. Ramirez for this bold \$25-an-hour proposal—an important step forward that's driven by workers demanding the money, power, and respect that they've earned,” **said April Verrett, President of SEIU.**

"For 17 years, Washington has left the federal minimum wage at \$7.25 while working people have fallen further behind. Our communities don't need lip service or slogans — they're demanding real solutions that match the reality of this economy. A living wage is about dignity, but it is also about who holds power in this country. It is tied to every other fight for civil rights — from racial justice, to voting rights, to economic opportunity. When people are denied fair wages, they are denied the ability to fully participate in our democracy. The NAACP stands with this coalition because civil rights, racial justice, and economic justice are inseparable,” **said Derrick Johnson, President & CEO of NAACP.**

“We cannot talk about affordability without talking about what people are paid. This bill is about holding corporate America accountable and not letting billionaires, corporations like Amazon, and CEOs get away with blaming everything else for an affordability crisis they are helping drive. While prices rise and profits grow, workers are still being paid poverty wages instead of a true living wage. That has to change if we are serious about dignity and fairness in this economy,” **said Stuart Appelbaum, President of RWDSU.**

“As the Trump administration rips more and more resources away from the classrooms and communities that need them most, all while handing more power and privilege to the wealthy and well-connected, workers across our country need this legislation now more than ever,” said Kimberly Johnson Trinca, Government Relations Director for the National Education Association. “By paying educators and education support professionals a living wage, they will earn the respect, competitive wages, and support they deserve to provide their students with the skills needed to fulfill their dreams. At a time of massive income and wealth inequality, the National Education Association is proud to stand up for the working class and support the Living Wage for All Act. An investment in workers is an investment in the future of public schools and our nation,” **said Becky Pringle, President of the National Education Association.**

“A living wage is about the kind of society we want - one where one job is enough; where if you work hard you will have a pathway to a life you and your family can live on or one of constant struggle this also hugely impacts education. When educators, paraprofessionals, school staff, and the families that make up our communities are paid less than what it takes to live, it destabilizes

classrooms and weakens the foundation students rely on. When educators must work 2 and 4 jobs to make ends meet, how can they focus on their students. A true living wage is essential — and long overdue — to restoring dignity for workers, supporting families, and ensuring people can fully participate in their communities and in our democracy. That is how we build the thriving, stable environments every student deserves,” **said Randi Weingarten, President of the American Federation of Teachers.**

"As business leaders, entrepreneurs, and investors, Voices for Progress members appreciate that The Living Wage for All Act supports employers like them who are not engaged in a race to the bottom on staff pay, and who recognize that putting money in the pockets of everyday Americans helps support local businesses. This moment reflects a growing recognition that affordability is not just about lowering prices — it’s about ensuring people are paid enough to live on, so we can build an economy that works for everyone, not just those at the top," **said Sandra Fluke, President of Voices for Progress.**

"While 86% of Americans worry about the price of food, our billionaire president calls the affordability crisis a 'con job.' Wake up and smell the exploitation. There is one way to raise wages for American workers: Change the law,” **said Ritchie Tabachnick, Member of Patriotic Millionaires.** “Jeff Bezos thanked Amazon workers after his joyride into space for a reason: They paid for it—one grossly underpaid hour at a time. Smart businesspeople know that an economy based on consumer demand requires customers with money to spend. Unfortunately for everyone, including many rich people like us, it’s the opportunists and self-dealers, not the smart businesspeople, who are in the driver's seat. Buckle up, America, they’ll drive us over the cliff if we don’t stop *them.*”