

**Fight for \$15 and a Union****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** March 5, 2021**Contact:** Molly Nuñez, [molly.nunez@berlinrosen.com](mailto:molly.nunez@berlinrosen.com), 612-387-8083

## **Fight for \$15 and a Union Statement on Senate Vote on \$15/hr Minimum Wage**

*Following the U.S. Senate's vote on raising the federal minimum wage to \$15/hr, Chicago McDonald's worker and Fight for \$15 and a Union Leader Adriana Alvarez released the following statement.*

"Over the last eight years, workers with the Fight for \$15 and a Union have made our demands clear: we need a living wage of at least \$15 an hour and we need a voice on the job. Since 2012, when 200 fast-food workers walked off the job in New York City and launched our movement, we've been on strike, we've marched with presidential candidates and we've even been arrested. We have never wavered from those demands and we have never been discouraged in our fight.

We're not asking for \$10, \$11 or \$12 an hour. We're demanding \$15 and a union because we know it's what we need to survive, to raise our families and to rebuild our communities in the aftermath of the pandemic.

The Senate's vote failed working people. Essential workers throughout our country — including 32 million who desperately need a raise to \$15 an hour — have been promised, time and time again, that help is on the way. First, we were given excuses about Senate process and parliamentarians. Now, we've seen that the party in power refuses to stand united behind \$15 an hour, the bare minimum anyone needs to survive. While the House of Representatives acted swiftly to pass \$15 last week, the Senate sided with Republicans and the restaurant lobby and betrayed our trust.

President Biden and Vice President Harris also asked us to place our trust in them during their campaigns. They joined us on strikes lines, sought our support and promised to raise the wage to \$15 an hour. Now, they need to keep fighting with us to find a way to make \$15 an hour a reality.

We refuse to accept excuses. President Biden, Vice President Harris and Congress must find a way to get \$15 done. The 2022 midterms are right around the corner, and voters expect the politicians we elected to keep their promises and improve our lives. The clock is ticking — and in the meantime, we will keep on shouting, marching and demanding \$15 until we win."

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