Update for Signers of Pledge to Fight for Good Jobs, Sustainable Prosperity, Economic Justice

PLEDGE TO FIGHT FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE

You are receiving this Update because you are a signer or ally of the **Pledge to Fight for Good Jobs, Sustainable Prosperity, and Economic Justice**, now with over 14,000 signatures. Please share Pledge on Facebook and Twitter. And check our Organizing Resources and Polling Research.

All Pledge Planks

The Midterms and the Power of Progressive Policy

Amid the continued onslaught of post-midterm analyses, a few pieces have stood out to us. In the New York Times, Stan Greenberg writes about how this was "the highest off-year turnout in a midterm election in 50 years...and Democrats won the national congressional vote by a margin greater than that of the Tea Party Republicans in 2010." Ruy Texiera of the Washington Post discusses how the midterms illuminate a path forward for Democrats to win in 2020. And elsewhere in the Post, PCCC President and Pledge signer Adam Green explains how the midterms proved that progressive ideas have now become mainstream: "Up and down the ballot, Democrats won by positioning themselves as advocates for working people." PCCC data confirms that, for instance:

- 65% of the incoming House freshman class embraced some version of Medicare-for-All or expanding Social Security benefits
- Almost 80% embraced lowering prescription drug costs by challenging Big Pharma
- And 82% favored challenging corporate power in politics by rejecting PAC money, overturning Citizens United, or passing major campaign finance reforms."

Pledge Plank: 2. Invest in a Green Economy

Today is the #GreenNewDeal National Day of Action

After last week's sit-ins - and with recent polls showing support from an **overwhelming majority of American voters** - momentum behind a green job guarantee is higher than ever. In coordination with the Sunrise Movement, activists today are gathering in hundreds of locations across the country to demand that Congress create a special committee on a Green New Deal -- a bold plan to seriously confront climate change and create millions of good jobs in the process.

Click to **find an event near you.** You can also **tweet** or **call your representative,** or **write a letter to the editor** of your local newspaper to get our leadership to take this important action.



Pledge Plank: 3. Empower Workers to Reduce Inequality

Bernie Sanders and Ro Khanna introduce the Stop Walmart Act

On the heels of their successful campaign to pressure Amazon to hike its minimum wage to $15 an hour, Sen. Bernie Sanders and Rep. Ro Khanna introduced a bill that would outlaw stock buybacks from Walmart and other massive companies that don't pay their workers $15 an hour plus benefits. While named after Walmart - which has long been notorious for its low pay and poor working conditions - the new bill takes aim at all companies with over 500 employees, many of which are on a current record-shattering stock buyback spree thanks to President Trump's $1.5 trillion in tax cuts. "Overall, the cost to Walmart of doing this would be a tiny, tiny fraction of their revenues, while its impact on workers' lives would be huge," said Ken Jacobs, chair of the University of California Labor Center.



Pledge Plank: 11. Rescue Democracy from Special Interests

Tell Congress: Pass HR1 to Rescue Our Democracy

Congressional leaders are on course to make HR 1 - the first legislation considered by the new US House of Representatives -- a sweeping pro-democracy and anti-corruption package. According to Public Citizen, it could be the most consequential pro-democracy legislation of the past 50 years.

Click here to sign the petition to build support for this legislation.

Pledge Plank: 3. Empower Workers to Reduce Inequality

IPS Report: Gilded Giving 2018

The new report from the Institute for Policy Studies, Gilded Giving 2018: Top-Heavy Philanthropy and Its Risks to the Independent Sector, takes a look at the impact of increasing financial inequality on the philanthropic sector. Co-authored by Pledge signer Chuck Collins, Josh Hoxie, and Helen Flannery, the

report shows how this growing inequity in giving holds risks not only for the nonprofits themselves, but for the nation.



1. **Jobs for All – Created by Rebuilding America**
2. **Invest in a Green Economy**
3. Empower Workers to Reduce Inequality
4. **Opportunity and Justice for All – With Focus on Communities Harmed by Racism**
5. **Guarantee Women's Economic Equality**
6. High Quality Public Education – Pre-K to University
7. Medicare for All – And Shared Economic Security
8. Make Corporations and Wealthy Pay Their Fair Share
9. A Global Economic Strategy for Working People
10. **Close Wall Street's Casino**
11. Rescue Democracy from the Special Interests

Thanks for all your good work! Will be back in touch with another Update soon.

Best,



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