

At its core, the role of the U.S. Secretary of Labor is to ensure compliance with basic legal standards and protect the most vulnerable workers against exploitation. This week, we learned that Labor Secretary nominee Andrew Puzder employed a housekeeper for many years and never paid legally-required taxes on her wages until his nomination was imminent.

Enough is enough.

Mr. Puzder is an experienced attorney and a CEO of a major fast-food chain, so he cannot plausibly claim ignorance of his legal obligations as an employer. We already have ample cause to doubt Mr. Puzder's fitness for the job as Secretary of Labor, and this latest news confirms our view that he should not be confirmed. If he cannot be trusted to follow even one of the most basic laws of employment in his own home, there is no way we can expect him to enforce the crucial laws the Department of Labor oversees on behalf of working people.

The undersigned call on the Trump Administration to withdraw the nomination of Mr. Puzder at once and find a suitable nominee who shows proper respect for working people and our nation's employment laws.

National Domestic Workers Alliance
Instituto de Educación Popular del Sur de California (IDEPSCA)
Dreamers Mothers in Action
Domestic Workers Legacy Fund

9to5, National Association of Working Women
9 to5 California
9to5 Colorado
9to5 Georgia
9to5 Wisconsin
AFL-CIO
The Agenda Project
Allies of Knoxville's Immigrant Neighbors (AKIN)
American Family Voices
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
American Federation of Teachers
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
Asian Americans Advancing Justice-AAJC
Bend the Arc Jewish Action
A Better Balance
Better Idaho
CATA - The Farmworkers' Support Committee
Center for American Progress Action Fund
Center for Community Change

Center for Law and Social Policy
Center for Popular Democracy
Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa
Central Florida Jobs With Justice
Centro Laboral de Graton
Coalition on Human Needs
Center on Policy Initiatives
Colorado Fiscal Institute
Communications Workers of America
Community Service Society of New York
ConnectiCOSH
Corporate Accountability International
DC Employment Justice Center
D.C. Fiscal Policy Institute
Demos
Disciples Justice Action Network
Economic Policy Institute
Equal Rights Advocates
Fair World Project
Family Values @ Work
Farmworker Justice
Feminist Majority Foundation
Fe y Justicia Worker Center
Fight for \$15
First Shift Justice Project
Food Chain Workers Alliance
Food and Water Watch
Freedom Network, USA
Friends of the Earth
Fuse Washington
Good Jobs Nation
Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition
Greater Syracuse Council on Occupational Safety and Health
Health Justice Project
Helping Educate to Advance the Rights of the Deaf (HEARD)
In the Public Interest
Indianapolis Worker Justice Center
Interfaith Center for Worker Justice of San Diego County
Interfaith Worker Justice
Interfaith Worker Justice of East Tennessee
Interfaith Worker Justice of Rochester
Interfaith Worker Justice Southern Maine
Jobs With Justice
Jobs With Justice East Tennessee

Kentucky Equal Justice Center
Knoxville-Oak Ridge Central Labor Council
Labor & Employment Committee of the National Lawyers Guild
Labor Project for Working Families
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
Legal Aid at Work
LAANE
Mabel Wadsworth Center
Maine Equal Justice Partners
Maine People's Alliance
Maine Women's Lobby
Main Street Alliance
Massachusetts Jobs With Justice
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
MassCOSH
Minnesota Worker Justice Group
MomsRising
NAACP
National Center for Law and Economic Justice
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Council of Jewish Women
National Employment Law Project
National Employment Lawyers Association
National Immigration Law Center
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Women's Law Center
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
New Labor
New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty
Occupational Safety & Health Law Project, LLC
Organic Consumers Association
Outten & Golden
Patriotic Millionaires
Pesticide Action Network North America
Pilipino Workers Center of Southern
Policy Matters Ohio
Pride at Work
ProgressNow
ProgressNow Colorado
Public Citizen
Restaurant Opportunities Center (ROC) United
Rhode Island Center for Justice

Safe Work Washington
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Service Employees International Union
South Carolina Legal Aid Justice Center
Southern Maine Workers' Center
Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice
Time for a Raise
UltraViolet
UFCW Local 227
United Steelworkers (USW)
Voices for Progress
The Voter Participation Center
Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs
Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless
Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Western New York Council on Occupational Safety & Health
Women Employed
Women's Voices.Women Vote Action Fund
Workers' Center of Central New York
Workers' Defense Project
Working America
Working Families Party
Workplace Fairness
Worksafe