



Open Letter of Support for Houston Janitors

A message for leading corporations in Houston:

Hard-working families deserve a better future.

As Houston's faith, political, community, and labor leaders, we believe our city's janitors deserve to have good-paying jobs with health care—and a chance to achieve the American Dream.

That's why we stood with Houston janitors last year when they chose to form a union with SEIU and why today, we're committed to hold the city's real estate industry accountable and to help janitors and their families build a better life.

Without health insurance and working part-time for an average wage of only \$5.30 an hour, many janitors currently have to choose between putting food on the table and a visit to the doctor. Earning less than \$5,000 a year, janitors are often forced to work second or even third jobs just to make ends meet. Meanwhile, Houston's real estate corporations are thriving—seeing record prices for property sales as the city's economy continues to boom.

For Houston to be a leading American city, hard-working people in our community should be able to earn a decent wage and have access to affordable health care. Janitors in most of the nation's other great cities—many of whom work for the same companies that do business in Houston—already earn fair wages and receive employer-paid health insurance for their families. We believe it is critical to our city's future that Houston does the same.

Today, we call on leading corporations in our city to stop standing in the way of the American Dream and to support a fair union contract with improvements in wages, adequate work hours, and access to affordable health care that will allow janitors to support their families and begin to rise out of poverty.

Houston's real estate industry can afford to reward janitors' hard work.

Please join us in support of Houston janitors' campaign to build better jobs for themselves and their families. Fill in the information below to join Houston community leaders in support of our campaign.

Name: _____ Position: _____

Organization: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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