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## **Working Americans Deliver More Than 317,000 Petition Signatures Urging Senators to Vote No on Fast Food CEO Andy Puzder's Nomination As Secretary of Labor**

- **Working families and other concerned Americans raise alarm over widespread law-breaking at franchises of Puzder's company, including failure to pay workers for hours worked, violations of overtime protections, and sexual harassment.**
- **Over 6,500 people from Wisconsin sign onto petition to Sen. Baldwin, who sits on committee that will hold first vote on Puzder.**
- **Puzder's Senate nomination hearing has already been delayed three times as opposition grows.**

MILWAUKEE - Working people and community supporters joined together today to deliver petitions opposing Andy Puzder's nomination to serve as Secretary of Labor to Sen. [Name]. Puzder is a multi-millionaire and CEO of the CKE Corporation, a company that operates the Carl's Jr. and Hardee's burger chains. Sen. Baldwin sits on the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee, which will vote on Puzder's nomination at some point after a hearing on Feb. 7.

"Andy Puzder is not fit for the job of Secretary of Labor. On his watch, his corporations' restaurants repeatedly broke employee protection laws that he would be responsible for enforcing. He has spoken out over and over in favor of keeping wages as low as possible, which will keep families from getting ahead," said Ciara Fox, a Certified Nurses Assistant at Birchwood and lead organizer for the Homecare Fight for \$15 worker committee.

Americans from a wide range of organizations joined together to collect the petition signatures, including the AFL-CIO, the Service Employees International Union, Fight for \$15, Ultraviolet, Women Employed, the Economic Policy Institute and Pride At Work.

Last week, the Associated Press reported that Puzder's CKE outsourced the company's IT and tech support jobs to a company in the Philippines. Another report released by the National Employment Law Project found that low pay and lack of benefits at jobs at CKE costs taxpayers an estimated \$247 million a year to support the families of the company's cooks and counter workers. Last week, food service workers in the Fight for \$15 announced 33 new wage theft, sexual harassment, and unfair labor practices complaints against CKE brand stores.

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