

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

9to5, National Association of Working Women

9 to5 California

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The Agenda Project

American Family Voices

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

Bend the Arc Jewish Action

Better Idaho

Family Values @ Work

Food Chain Workers Alliance

Food and Water Watch

Friends of the Earth

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Health Justice Project

Interfaith Worker Justice

Jobs with Justice

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

Maine Equal Justice Partners

Maine Women's Lobby

MomsRising

National Center for Law and Economic Justice

National Employment Law Project

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ProgressNow
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The Voter Participation Center
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Workplace Fairness