Where’s The Hazard Pay?

So if the pandemic started in March of 2020, and there were times when everyone else was ‘voluntarily’ staying at home, and you still had to go to work because you were considered “essential”, does this mean you were working in a hazardous condition?

It’s been around 626 days, and you’re still at work, and now there’s a new variant, close to 787,000 lives in the US have been lost, and you’re still at work. Are THESE hazardous conditions? Maybe because transporting kids, the elderly, passengers unable to drive, or people who don’t want to drive in heavy traffic isn’t an important job?

Times have been tough on the road, from assaults to never knowing what you might be bringing home from the job, to having work sites closed due to required disinfection. If all this wasn’t on top of an already stressful job, the fact that we have to fight with the powers that be to try and get a little bit for Hazard Pay, you would think we were living in a telenovela (soap opera)! But no, this is real life, and if we have to fight for what we deserve, then that’s what we will do!!! HAZARD PAY FOR ALL ESSENTIAL WORKERS!!!

Everything Going Up...Except Our Pay!

Fill up the gas tank, go get groceries, pay for housing and just about anything else. The cost for everything is going way up and we feel it! We are dealing with the highest inflation rate in over 30 years! Companies are raising prices because they want to make up for the profits that they lost during the pandemic and mainly because they can. Everything is going up except for our pay! Why shouldn't we get paid more to keep up with the rising cost of living?

We Are Not The Problem, The System Is!

We live under a system which puts tremendous amounts of constant pressure on the lives of working people. High levels of stress brought on from a high cost of living, low wages, isolation, job insecurity, and constant pressure from our employer to perform more work, its no wonder why both mental, and physical illness is so common. No one is meant to be put under high levels of constant stress. Those who are incapable of keeping up with the high demands of a profit driven system are convinced that the problem is them, the individual, rather than a system.

Emotional distress, and long working hours also have a huge impact on a parent's ability to properly raise children. Kids not only need parents to be present physically but also emotionally. Instead, children are often on the receiving end of a frustrated parent whose built up resentment from stress in their life is unleashed on the child in the form of both physical and verbal abuse. Many children in today's society are raised by single parents who often do not have the energy to properly nurture their children in a way that promotes confidence, and the feeling of security. Instead children feel the stress, anxiety, and insecurity of their parent which then has a negative impact on their developing mind. They realize that the world they’ve been born into is a scary place. It's very common for children living under such conditions to end up developing anger issues, panic disorders, ADD, OCD, and childhood PTSD. Many of these children end up consuming both drugs, and or alcohol as a way to soothe their mental distress later on in life, and many of the inmates in the U.S prison system today were traumatized, and neglected children.

With all of the wealth, resources and technology that exists today, why are we struggling to survive? Why shouldn't we be able to use these things so that we can remove the pressures that we are dealing with? Their profits should not come first at the expense of working peoples lives, as well as their families. Capitalism may be great for the boss, it is terrible for the majority of us, and our families. If working people unite we can build a different world that puts the quality of ours lives first.