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All Members of AFSCME Council 5,

Our union has been working round the clock to lift-up the voices of our members who have been working on the front lines of COVID-19. A legislative working group has been negotiating to establish a one-time payment for thousands of our members, along with other front line workers carrying out essential functions in Minnesota. But we need your help!

Many of our members have told their stories at the Capitol, informing the working group of all the different types of jobs that required in-person work since the pandemic began, as well as the lack of help and recognition they've received. Our member leaders have made it clear that this working group cannot leave any front line workers behind. We've asked them to use as much of the funding available from the American Rescue Plan Act, instead of limiting themselves to only \$250 million. More is necessary.

Senate Republicans' plan would leave out hundreds of thousands of front-line workers from receiving hero pay. Governor Tim Walz has announced his proposed plan to provide hero pay to nearly 670,000 front-line heroes, with meaningful \$1,500 checks that we must fight for!

VIDEO: AFSCME Front Line Workers Make Minnesota Happen!

The legislature appears to be stuck at a standstill, mostly over the Senate's rigid view of what workers are "worthy" of Hero Pay that leaves many thousands of front-line workers out. Recognizing all of our members' contributions to the state shouldn't be a partisan issue, and we've waited long enough for them to reach agreement.

Send your legislators an email demanding \$1,500 check for all front line workers, and that they cannot leave any front-line worker behind!

Click here to find your legislators.

Draft email you can send to your lawmakers:

"I am writing to you today to ensure the House and Senate pass a robust frontline worker pay package that respects the work AFSCME members do every single day to Make Minnesota Happen! Without us, Minnesota doesn't work. I call on you to pass legislation providing \$1,500 hero pay checks to all frontline workers, and leave no workers behind."

In solidarity,

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