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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING SB 588 (De León) Wage Theft Prevention

Michael Madhesian, Board Chairman of Servicon Services, a janitorial services contractor for the aerospace industry: "Right now the deck is stacked against companies that follow the law. We're routinely undercut by underhanded businesses because there are no consequences for those who cheat their workers. I'm encouraged that Senator De León's bill will allow honest companies to compete fairly."

Monica Uraña, a single mother of four, earns just half the minimum wage for her labor as a janitor in Los Angeles area office buildings. Her wages of \$60 for 12 or 13 hours work can't come close to covering the basics her family needs: "I am not asking for more than what I make. I am only asking for payment for my work. I go to buy a soup and I have to stretch the soup for three days."

Laphonza Butler, President of SEIU California and SEIU United Long-Term Care Workers (ULTCW): "Wage theft is crushing our families, and that's why SB 588 will be front and center in our fight for a fair day's pay in California. Nationwide, working families are rising up and challenging our leaders to address the roots of our poverty crisis. SB 588 is an essential accountability measure to ensure every person who works hard can be a part of the American Dream."

David Huerta, President of SEIU United Service Workers West (USWW): "Wage theft creates and perpetuates poverty and its prevalence in California depresses our economy significantly. Solving this problem is one of the cornerstones for creating real shared prosperity - especially when it comes to black, brown, undocumented, and other workers that are particularly vulnerable to exploitation by irresponsible employers."

Alexandra Suh, Executive Director of the Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA): "When it comes to protecting the right to a fair day's pay, California sadly lags behind many other states. SB 588 offers California the chance to be a leader in fairness and opportunity for workers." KIWA is a member of the California Fair Paycheck Coalition, which brings together worker centers, community organizations, legal services and others to fight for fair pay and a strong economy.

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