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Open Letter from Senator Hoylman and Colleagues to WeWork

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Open Letter to WeWork CEO Adam Neumann

Dear Mr. Neumann,

We are concerned about the building service worker jobs WeWork is providing for working New Yorkers.

You have been using a low-road contractor that pays workers as little as \$10 an hour, less than half the industry standard.

After the workers launched a campaign for good jobs and a union, you responded with a plan to cut the contractor and employ the workers directly. But the new English-language requirement seems to be intended to leave the current contracted workers—who are almost entirely Latino immigrants—jobless.

These new jobs pay \$15 an hour. The standard rate for building service jobs starts at \$18 an hour for new hires and goes up to \$24 for workers with more experience. Working New Yorkers don't need substandard pay.

WeWork claims to be a "community" whose mission is to "create a world where people work to make a life, not just a living."

We urge you to recognize that the building service workers who clean your offices are already part of your community. You should provide jobs that will help them make a life and a living in New York City.

Sincerely,

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