

Knox County Commission



PRESS RELEASE

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Commissioner Amy Broyles will be speaking at a "Fight For \$15" Rally in front of the City-County Building today, November 10th, at noon.

The "Fight for \$15" is a movement across the county that is both raising awareness and demanding change. The minimum wage should be raised, and workers should be allowed to come together in unions to make their voices stronger. Too many American workers - whether they work in fast-food, child care, home care, airports or colleges - are paid too little to support their families. Wages have remained stagnant for years while prices for necessities, such as food and housing, have continued to rise, hurting families, communities and the economy. When corporations are paying 46% of working people less than \$15 an hour, it means the economy is way out of balance.

The "Fight for \$15" has become a powerful force that is changing the country. Working people are proving that by sticking together they are being heard and taken seriously. They are winning historic victories, like \$15 in LA, Seattle, and San Francisco, and \$15 statewide for fast-food workers in New York.

One year from Election Day, people in Knoxville and across the country are standing up as voters to say: We're with the 46%! We will vote to make our government and our community work for everyone, not just the rich. We are calling on our elected Representatives to make sure underpaid workers have a fair shot. We are mobilizing our co-workers, families, and neighbors to elect people who support higher pay and union rights; improved child care and home care; racial justice; and immigration reform.

"I'm proud to be standing with underpaid people across the country today," remarked Commissioner Broyles. "Corporations need to raise wages so people can support their families. It is simply wrong that so many people are paid so little that they can't afford basic needs. Working people not only deserve higher wages, they also deserve the right to join together in a union so their voices can be heard. Raising wages will give local families the boost they need and deserve, and make the economy work for all of us, not just the wealthy."

For more information, Commissioner Broyles can be reached at 865-237-6538.

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