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We are writing to express our strong support for the food and beverage service workers employed by Aramark and represented by UNITE HERE Local 274 at the Philadelphia Sports Complex.

The labor of cooks, bartenders, servers, and concessions workers makes the cultural life of our city possible, and their work is vital to the economy of our city. At sporting events, concerts, and shows these workers feed our families, but they struggle to support their own. These workers are our constituents, as are their family members. They are parents, grandparents, and community leaders in our districts. Our interest as state lawmakers is in ensuring workers receive fair compensation and healthcare, and in ensuring the health and economy of our city.

Since December 2023, workers represented by UNITE HERE Local 274 have been negotiating new collective bargaining agreements with Aramark covering the food and beverage operations at each of the three stadiums in the Sports Complex. Wages for stadium workers in Philadelphia fall far below the rates paid to comparable to stadium workers in other cities. The lowest paid Aramark worker at the Wells Fargo Center earns \$14.11 an hour, while workers doing the same job in Chicago and Washington D.C arenas earn \$21.55 and \$21.50 respectively. The price of some food items has increased by more than 50% in just four years, but workers' wages are failing to keep up with inflation. Aramark has the ability to pay their workers – the company earned \$18 billion in one year. Last month, the workers went on strike, with 92% of members voting to authorize the first strike at the Wells Fargo Center in over 20 years.

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The demands of these workers are just and fair. Working Philadelphians are entitled to family-sustaining wages and access to healthcare, paid leave, and other benefits for full-time work. We encourage a fair resolution.

We write in support of UNITE HERE workers and call on Aramark to engage in good-faith bargaining and present a contract proposal that offers healthcare and family-sustaining wage increases.

Sincerely, the undersigned members of the Philadelphia House Delegation,

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Rep. Morgan Cephas, 192nd Legislative District
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Rep. Elizabeth Fiedler, 184th Legislative District

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Rep. Danilo Burgos, 197th Legislative District
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Rep. Anthony Bellmon, 203rd Legislative District

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Rep. Amen Brown, 10th Legislative District



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Rep. Jordan A. Harris, 186th Legislative District

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