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Latino immigrant workers continue demanding justice



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Boston, MA- Latino immigrant workers continue demanding justice. There are more than 30 immigrant workers who were employed by different subcontracting companies to clean in the Cheesecake Factory and Legal Sea Food restaurants who did not receive payment of their salaries. This week the workers launched a "Week of Action to Demand Justice." The purpose of the week of action is to raise awareness of the labor exploitation that immigrant workers are facing and to shine a light on this particular case.

"Today, Wednesday the 24th we will be visiting the restaurants and on Friday 26th, between 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. we will be holding a vigil at the Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston St., Boston, MA.," said Fernando Cervantes, an affected worker and active member of the Chelsea Collaborative.

"We are demanding a meeting with the representatives of the restaurants to make sure that they know how their contracted cleaning companies are exploiting the workers who keep their restaurants clean and in business," added Yessenia Alfaro, Organizing Director of the Chelsea Collaborative and board member of the Massachusetts Jobs with Justice.

"We are going to continue denouncing these labor abuses and demanding respect for our labor rights as immigrant workers," said Ferman Ingles, an affected worker and active member of Centro Presente. **"The violation of labor rights is a systematic problem affecting all workers in this country and immigrant workers are even more vulnerable to this exploitation. We must also highlight that the enormous movement of immigrants to the U.S. is the result of a global economic system that exploits the rights of workers in their own countries. We need an economic dynamic that respects the labor rights and dignity of workers starting right here,"** said Patricia Montes, Centro Presente's Executive Director.

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