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Wind of the Spirit

WotS Recognizes Workers Day with a Call for Immigrant Workers' Rights and Dignity

Dover, NJ — On International Workers Day, New Jersey-based immigrant advocacy organizations, civil liberties defenders, human rights groups, and faith-based communities gather to affirm a powerful message: **Immigrant rights are human rights — and immigrant workers have rights too.**

As workers across the globe are recognized for their contributions and struggles, advocates in New Jersey are turning attention to the immigrant workforce, calling for stronger protections, safety, and dignity for those who are often at the frontlines of essential industries but face disproportionate risks and exploitation.

“Immigrant workers are the backbone of New Jersey’s economy — from farms and factories to hospitals and homes — yet they are too often denied the basic rights and protections every worker deserves,” as stated by the International Labour Organization. Today, Wind of the Spirit stands together with immigrant communities, as we demand recognition, justice, and dignity for all immigrant workers.

Immigrant workers continue to face unsafe working conditions, wage theft, lack of legal protections, and fear of retaliation — especially those who are undocumented or in mixed-status families. They urged state leaders to take meaningful action to ensure immigrant workers have access to legal recourse, fair labor standards, and security from unjust deportation or employer abuse.

Workers Day is more than a celebration — it's a call to action. We invite our community to join **Wind of the Spirit** today, **May 1st**, at **JFK Park in Dover, NJ** (51-99 East Clinton St.) from **6:00 PM to 8:30 PM** to stand in solidarity with **federal workers, immigrant workers, teachers, domestic workers**, and all who labor for a living. Every worker deserves the right to earn a livelihood free from fear. Our immigrant neighbors, in particular, deserve to live and work in conditions that honor their **safety, dignity, and humanity**.

We call out on NJ for an expansion of state-level worker protections, accessible reporting mechanisms for workplace violations regardless of immigration status, and an end to collaboration between local law enforcement and immigration authorities that undermines trust and safety in communities. We will continue organizing and advocating until every worker in New Jersey — regardless of where they come from — is treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

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