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UFCW LOCAL 7 CELEBRATES PASSAGE OF PAID SICK LEAVE FOR ALL COLORADANS; URGES GOVERNOR POLIS TO SIGN LEGISLATION QUICKLY INTO LAW

DENVER – The United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 7 (UFCW 7), which represents more than 30,000 workers in Colorado and Wyoming, released the following statement after the Colorado legislature passed SB20-205, the Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. This legislation will allow workers to accumulate an hour of sick leave for every 30 hours worked, with up to a maximum of 48 hours.

Kim Cordova, President of UFCW Local 7, which represents 30,000 members in Colorado and Wyoming, issued the following statement:

"UFCW Local 7 members have often experienced the dangerous side effects of not being able to stay home from work when sick, including nine members in Colorado who recently died of COVID-19. When cities and counties shut down, it was these same essential workers that kept our communities running and fed. No Coloradan should be forced to choose between paying bills or protecting their health. The Healthy Families and Workplaces Act is a smart public health policy that will help prevent contagious diseases and deaths across Colorado.

UFCW Local 7 thanks State Representative Dr. Yadira Caraveo (D-31), House Speaker K.C. Becker (D-13), State Senator Jeff Bridges (D-26), State Senate Majority Leader Steve Fenberg (D-18), and all the Democratic Senators and House Members in Colorado who co-sponsored this bill."

Local 7 is the largest private-sector Union in Colorado and Wyoming. It is affiliated with the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union which represents over 1.3 million workers in the United States and Canada, one of the largest private-sector Unions in North America. UFCW members work in a wide range of industries, including retail food, food processing, agriculture, retail sales, and health care.

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