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**AHEAD OF LABOR DAY, UFCW LOCAL 7 DEMANDS
HAZARD PAY FOR ALL ESSENTIAL WORKERS DURING
PANDEMIC**

*UFCW Local 7 Members Join Together As Part of a National Week of Action To Demand
Hazard Pay For All Essential Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic*

DENVER – Today at noon, Essential Workers represented by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 7 (UFCW 7), will join together to call on our public officials and employers to immediately restore Hazard Pay as COVID-19 continues to infect and kill thousands of frontline workers nationwide.

[UFCW Local 7](#) represents more than 25,000 workers in Colorado and Wyoming, including 21,000 grocery workers and 3,000 members at the JBS Meat Processing Plant in Greeley, CO, the meat processing plant with the highest number of COVID deaths in the US. The Union considers their members to be “Essential Heroes,” because they cannot work from home and instead work with the general public, putting them at a higher risk of exposing themselves and their families to the coronavirus in order to help feed the country.

WHAT:

Essential workers will come together to bring attention to the dangers of COVID-19 as they continue to risk their lives just to do their jobs. As states have reopened, employers have discontinued Hazard Pay while at the same time making record profits during the pandemic. Enough is enough. It’s time to reinstate Hazard Pay.

WHO:

UFCW Local 7

- Other organizations and unions joining together in solidarity include: Denver Area Labor Federation, IATSE Local 7, Restaurant Organizing Project, Restaurant Workers United, SEIU Local 105, UNITE HERE Local 23, UCW Local 7799, Denver DSA.

WHEN:

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

12 PM to 1 PM MT

WHERE:

Outside the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE), and then to U.S. Senator Cory Gardner’s Denver Office.

- 633 17th St. Denver, CO 80202

*** We respectfully ask that all participants and media practice social distancing during this event. ***

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[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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