

## **SEIU Local 73 Applauds Passage of the \$15 Minimum Wage**

The following is a statement from Dian Palmer, President of SEIU Local 73, on the passage of SB 1, the \$15 minimum wage bill, by the Illinois House of Representatives today:

“Working families across Illinois are celebrating today’s historic vote. We have become the first state in the Midwest to win \$15 for all workers. We applaud Majority Leader Lightford for leading the way and the legislators who took this necessary step. 1.4 million workers in our state will benefit from the passage of this bill. Thousands of the workers we represent are in desperate need of a \$15 wage floor. It’s not realistic for workers to provide for their families on less than \$15. This is a first step in making it easier for Illinois workers to survive and to make our state a fairer place to live and work. We must put this bill on the Governor’s desk as soon as possible. Illinois workers can’t wait any longer.”

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*SEIU Local 73 represents more than 29,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. We are dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families.*