

As many of you might know, my first job as a teenager was working at my local Taco Bell in Pierce County. I got the job because, like any teenager, I wanted a little extra money in my pocket, but as I quickly realized, for many of my co-workers, it was how they provided for their families. While I started the job to make a little spending money, the lessons I learned there were far more valuable.

Back then, the minimum wage was about \$4 an hour, and it didn't take long for me to realize how little that was for the folks around me who were trying to make a living.

Many of my co-workers were adults in their 20s and 30s who had to work around the clock at multiple jobs to put food on the table. A woman who had to watch how many hours a week she worked so she didn't lose her welfare benefits. An Army service member who took on this job to support her kids — she was serving her country but didn't have enough money to take care of her family.

That job taught me to value the dignity of all work and all workers. I learned how hard it is for low-wage workers to make ends meet and how often they are mistreated. I've taken those lessons with me to my work since, and it's the foundation of my commitment to build a future where all workers are paid a living wage and treated with dignity.

Throughout my career, I've worked hard to ensure that the law is used as a tool for justice. As Attorney General, I will stand up to anyone who takes advantage of Washington's workers and organized labor groups.

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