

Queens Ledger - Empowering act

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Dear Editor,

Monday's historic signing of the Fast Food Worker Empowerment Act is the culmination of years of rallies and protests, testimonies and meetings, petitions and emails, all proclaiming that the voice of the people will not be ignored.

Our city is standing up for the countless individuals working in the fast-food industry by ensuring they will have more reliable schedules that enable them to take care of their children, continue their education, work other jobs, and plan their lives.

No longer will workers suffer mandatory so-called "clopening" shifts that do not allow for enough time to sleep. No longer will employees lose opportunities to temporary staff or new hires.

The Workmen's Circle's progressive Jewish community has been fighting for workers' and immigrants' rights since our founding more than 100 years ago, and we are particularly proud of the part of this groundbreaking legislation that will allow workers to form their own non-profits to educate colleagues about their rights and advocate for changes in their communities.

This legislation is vitally important to the future of our city.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director,

The Workmen's Circle