What’s at stake: …”we must truly consider what strengthens our families and communities and take a look at how public policies have deliberately diminished working peoples’ ability to sustain a good living and driven our economy out of balance.” AFL/CIO LABOR DAY 2015
This Labor Day we recognize the incredible achievements of America’s working people and celebrate all those who make our country run. Many of us will be busy with barbecues, festivals and other types of family events that bring everyone together. Amid all the celebrating, we must truly consider what strengthens our families and communities and take a look at how public policies have deliberately diminished working peoples’ ability to sustain a good living and driven our economy out of balance.

Working people are the backbone of our nation and need to be recognized as such, both in word and deed. Too often, those working every day for a better life are forced to take a back seat to corporate interests which care only about their own bottom line.

Workers everywhere are standing up and speaking out for fundamental,
lasting change regardless of whether they work in manufacturing, engineering, service or retail. Every day, working people use their talent, dedication and drive to make our nation stronger. This Labor Day should be a celebration of working families, because we are ready to speak up together, change the rules and bring lasting economic balance so that every family can pursue the American Dream and work for a better life.

On Labor Day, we are asking all working families to highlight the single greatest thing that unites us—“Working. For a Better Life”—and to join the push for a fairer and more just economy.

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**Millions of Working People Don’t Get Paid Time Off for Holidays or Vacation**

Nearly a quarter—24 percent—of private-sector workers will not be enjoying a paid day off on Labor Day, according to this week’s Economic Snapshot. It also shows that access to paid time off varies dramatically according to workers’ pay. For example, only 34 percent of private-sector workers at the bottom 10 percent of the wage distribution receive paid holidays, and only 39 percent get paid vacation. Among the top 10 percent of workers, meanwhile, 93 percent receive both paid holidays and paid vacation.

**Labor Day 2015 by the Numbers**

Labor Day is a time to honor America’s workers and our contributions to the economy. EPI’s Labor Day 2015 by the Numbers examines how the economy has performed for workers this year. It finds that most workers continue to endure stagnating wages; that the decline of collective bargaining is harming workers' wage prospects; and that African Americans, Hispanics, and young graduates face stubbornly high unemployment rates. However, there are a number of policies we can pursue to raise Americans’ pay and ensure that prosperity is broadly shared.

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