Dear Supporters...

On behalf of the Making Change at Walmart (MCAW) team at United Food and Commercial Workers, we want to express deep appreciation to our locals, community allies, elected officials and members, all of whom continue the work of holding the largest retailer in the world, Walmart, accountable.

Over the past few months, our team has spoken to over 3,000 students and visited 30 college campuses to engage the next generation of workers and leaders on the economic, political, and social impacts Walmart has on our communities.

Here at MCAW, we will continue the fight for justice at Walmart - the fight for better pay and working conditions, the fight for improved employer-provided health care and the fight for respect and dignity on the job. When we act together - we win together. Join us!

In Pursuit of Justice,

The Making Change at Walmart team.
Changing Walmart, Changing America, Begins with You.

**Trump & Walmart Make America Worse Tour**
30 college campuses in 30 days: how MCAW exposed the Trump-Walmart agenda to over 1.6 million people.

**Walmart Justice? Not in California.**
Shoplifter diversion program used by Walmart found unlawful in California, but what does that mean for the rest of the country?

**How America's Towns are Fighting Back**
From Beech Grove to Raytown, see how America's small towns are using local laws to hold Walmart accountable.

**Moving Forward**
See what the MCAW campaign is focusing on this holiday season and how you can help.

**Meet the Changemakers**
Get to know the team who is working to change Walmart.
2017 Trump & Walmart Make America Worse Tour

On September 5th, MCAW kicked off the "2017 Trump & Walmart Make America Worse" tour, which stopped at 30 colleges in 30 days to expose the Trump & Walmart agenda -- destroying public education and promoting a low wage economy.

The tour reached over 1.6 million people through a digital and grassroots campaign, which combined online ads, surveys, videos, GIFs, and social media with campus rallies, teach-ins, and on-the-ground actions. Organizers signed up over 2,500 students to join the MCAW campaign and surveyed 1,573 people asking if they think Trump & Walmart make America better or worse. Here are the survey results:

Do You Think Trump & Walmart Make America Better or Worse?

Worse: 94%  Better: 5%  No Answer: 1%
Justice Program Used By Walmart Found Unlawful by CA Court

On August 16th, a California court ruled that a shoplifter diversion program used by Walmart constitutes “false imprisonment and extortion.” The program used by Walmart and other California retailers is provided by Corrective Education Company (CEC).

The ruling bans Corrective Education Company (CEC) from operating the program in California, but does not stop Walmart from using the offensive program or similar ones outside California in the thousand plus stores that are part of Walmart’s "Restorative Justice Program."

MCAW has been working with state legislators and community groups to further investigate and take action against Walmart's controversial Restorative Justice program.

Click here for more information on Walmart's Restorative Justice program.
Walmart Waste: How America's Towns are Fighting Back

Due to the cost of the excessive number of police calls made to the Walmart store in Raytown, Missouri, this past September, Raytown leaders facing a budget shortfall had considered labeling the retail giant a "public nuisance," allowing the city to fine Walmart for its excessive use of police resources. City officials complained that the Walmart store accounted for approximately 30 percent of Raytown’s reported crime it deemed serious and had been draining the community of hundreds of thousands of tax dollars every year.

Click here to read more on Raytown's public nuisance.

Earlier this year, MCAW awarded Beech Grove, Indiana Mayor Dennis Buckley, the “Champion for Taxpayers” award for holding Walmart financially accountable for its use of taxpayer-funded police resources through the city’s public nuisance ordinance (see photo above).

MCAW first called attention to this issue last year with a nationwide campaign exposing Walmart’s failure to use its $14 billion in profits to address the large volume of police calls made in Tampa, FL; Tulsa, OK; St. Paul, MN; and Dallas, TX Walmart stores.
Moving Forward

Many retailers are closing their doors on Thanksgiving and other major holidays this year. Walmart though is keeping its doors open on Thanksgiving, even though workers at its sister store, Sam's Club, get the day off.

We think that Walmart and Sam's Club workers should be treated equally and Walmart workers should have the day off on Thanksgiving, so that they can spend the holiday with family and loved ones.

Help us put families first this holiday season.

If you, or someone you know, is working at Walmart during the holidays, we want to hear from you.

Email us your story at: changewalmart.org/contact-us
"Walmart's holiday gift to employees: longer hours"
Washington Post
“It’s a good sound byte, but we have to see what this means for workers and the wages they’re receiving,” said Randy Parraz, director of Making Change at Walmart, a campaign run by [UFCW]. “We’d like to see higher wages and more transparency around the program. It’s one thing to offer more hours. It’s another thing to mandate them.”

"Protestors rally at Tate against 'Trump & Walmart' agenda"
The Red & Black

"Students protest Walmart labor practices"
The News Record
"Walmart isn't hiring holiday help"
Retail Drive

"Community rallies for workers rights and awareness for worker injustices" The Observer

"Unions, progressive student orgs speak out against Trump/Walmart ties" The Michigan Daily

"Trump & Walmart Make America Worse campaign makes stop at Penn State" Daily Collegian

"State politicians visit campus to speak at Trump and Walmart rally"
The Record

"Walmart aims to knock down barriers for American manufacturers"
Central Penn Business Journal
Randy Parraz, director of the advocacy group Making Change At Walmart, issued a statement following the meeting claiming that "Walmart pretends to propose more U.S. manufacturing jobs at a time when its pressure is destroying them ... and also at a time when it is recruiting more overseas vendors in China and other countries."
MEET THE TEAM

Clockwise from top left: Jenny Divish, Amy Ritter, Anahi Tapia, Karen Rodriguez, Mike Baker, Terry Dunn

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