



The “Fight For 15” moved from the streets to the statehouse in Albany in 2015. Since New York fast food workers and their community allies first began a series of demonstrations for higher pay and union rights in 2012, their movement has spread nationwide, pressuring governors and legislators to take action. Over two months last summer, the New York State Department of Labor’s Fast Food Wage Board conducted statewide hearings on the issue that attracted oral and written testimony from hundreds of employers, employees, economists, community, labor and religious organizations.¹

These hearings and related media coverage threw into sharp relief

