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## WAGE THEFT AND OTHER VIOLATIONS OF LAW

### Employees looking to recover their salaries

**Nueva York City, June 5, 2014**– The Laundry Workers Center invites you to a press conference to be held on **June 10 2014 at 3pm in front of Liberato Restaurant, 1 W 183 Street, Bronx, 10453** We will be presenting information about wage theft practices by businesses in New York City. These practices have a negative impact on our communities, which are already impacted by low-wages of workers living in these communities. It is well documented by the National Employment Law Project, NELP, that “New York City workers lose an average of \$3,016 annually” because of wage and hour violations.” The same study estimates that more than 18.4 million dollars are retained illegally by unscrupulous employers every year.”

We also will be addressing the situation at Liberato Restaurant and the problems the employees are facing because they have not been paid properly for many years. The employer has not paid minimum wage to many workers and has not paid any overtime to and employees most of whom work between 50 and 60 hours a week.

*“For many years, i have to do magic in order to survive because despite the working 60 hours or more per week, the salary was low and below minimum wage says fired worker.” Oscar Ramirez “ I was fired after I asked about why my wages were so low” he added.*

Employees from **Liberato Restaurant** invite you attend this press conference to hear information about the situation as Liberato. The employees are supported by the Laundry Workers Center which provides community-based leadership development to improve the living and working conditions of workers in the laundry and food service industries, as well as their families. Our work aims to combat abuses such as landlord negligence, wage theft, and hazardous and exploitative working conditions, all of which are endemic in low-income communities in New York City and New Jersey.

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