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Fight for $15 just scored big in Maryland. We have unions to thank
Nov. 16, 2017 | A law establishing a $15-an-hour minimum wage in Maryland’s Montgomery County was signed into law Monday. It’s a meaningful victory for the Fight for $15, the union-inspired campaign to raise wages nationally. Montgomery is the most populous county in the state, with a larger population than the nearby cities of Washington, D.C., or Baltimore. It’s also a bellwether for Maryland politics, where organizing has begun already ahead of the 2018 statewide elections, including organizing aimed at improving Maryland’s wage laws. Working In These Times.

Hoffa to brief members on NAFTA 2.0 goals
Nov. 29, 2017 | The Teamsters are taking a leading role in helping to craft a new North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) that puts the people above the powerful. And tonight, Teamster General President Jim Hoffa will brief members about the union’s work. Hoffa will be joined by Rep. Brian Higgins (D-N.Y) during the NAFTA teleforum, which Teamsters can preregister for here. Those signing up ahead of time will receive a call when the event starts at 8 p.m. EST, 5 p.m. PST. More info

Teamsters chastise NLRB for overturning earlier joint-employer ruling
Dec. 19, 2017 | […] The 2015 NLRB decision resulted from a 2013 case brought by Teamsters Local 350 in Milpitas, Calif., against BFI, a waste management company that is owned by Republic Services. “Rolling back the joint employer ruling is an attack on hardworking Americans who have little recourse when they are victimized by such schemes,” said Jim Hoffa, Teamsters General President. “With this latest decision, the NLRB is scrapping critical protections for millions of workers.” Teamsters

On vacation...
Dec. 27, 2017 | Publishing on team570.org is suspended through New Year's. Our next post will be on Jan. 2.

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