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Andom Ghebreghiorgis, Primary Challenger for Congressional Seat in NY-16, Calls for \$20/hour Minimum Wage

May 19, 2020—A federal minimum wage of \$20 per hour is needed, says Congressional candidate Andom Ghebreghiorgis, and he is calling for, will sponsor legislation, and vote for a \$20/hour minimum wage should he get elected to the Congressional seat in District 16, which represents areas in the north Bronx and southern Westchester County.

“The Fight for Fifteen was organized by great people in 2012,” says Andom Ghebreghiorgis. “We need to make sure that we achieve their goals as well as getting out in front of the next fight. Unions have been crippled by so-called ‘right to work’ laws, leaving workers with limited bargaining power or potential for collective action. Corporate boards rarely have real representation from rank-and-file employees, and workers have little to no say on pertinent decisions such as outsourcing and employee policy. So it is up to elected officials to fight for workers, and a \$20/hour federal minimum wage is a good starting point. We are starting the struggle for this workable minimum wage right now.”

Raising the minimum wage is a simple anti-poverty measure: 27 million workers will be affected by it, and 1.3 million households would move out of poverty by raising the minimum wage to \$15/hour. But the fight for \$15/hour began earnestly in 2012, and due to inflation, \$15/hour does not have the same spending power. That’s why Andom is calling for \$20/hour, adjustable for inflation.

The “minimum” in “minimum wage” has to mean the minimum wage to live a dignified life – not just to scrape by. It cannot just be the bottom floor of what businesses can get away with paying their workers.

About Andom Ghebreghiorgis

Andom Ghebreghiorgis is a first-generation American of Eritrean descent from Mount Vernon, NY. He is running for Congress in NY's 16th District because he could no longer reconcile the disinvestment in the communities he grew up and taught in with the trillions of dollars the US wasted on forever wars and unnecessary prisons. Andom graduated from Yale with degrees in Political Science and Economics and CCNY with a master's in secondary special education. He worked at the Robin Hood Foundation after college, and then he became a NYC Teaching Fellow in 2009. He taught MS special education at a high-needs public school in the Williams Bridge section of the Bronx, was a special education coordinator/ELA teacher at The Equity Project in Washington Heights, and taught English Writing at a Quaker school in the West Bank. Andom is active within the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) and the Eritrean human rights organization One Day Seyoum.

Andom's campaign doesn't accept donations from corporate PACs. **To learn about Andom's platform, visit AndomforNY.com.**

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