

Protests across the U.S. call for health protection and immigrant rights



New York, May 5 (RHC)-- Protesters across the United States are demanding better health protection and immigrant rights. Essential workers from Wal-Mart, Amazon, Instacart, Whole Foods, Target and FedEx held a mass strike to demand better health and safety conditions, and hazard pay.

In Washington, D.C., the People's Bailout motorcade rolled through the city. Around the country, nurses at over 100 hospitals held "socially distanced" protests demanding personal protective equipment and to draw attention to healthcare workers who have died while fighting the coronavirus.

In Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania, over 30 cars circled the Bell & Evans poultry processing plant to demand they shut down the facility until worker protections can be guaranteed. At least two COVID-19 deaths and dozens of infections have been linked to the plant.

In New York City, protesters took part in a car caravan to call for worker protections and economic protections. The caravan passed in front of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's Manhattan office and the penthouse apartment of Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos. In Times Square, demonstrators laid out body bags to represent victims of COVID-19.

Perla Liberato, an activist with Make the Road New York, told reporters: “A lot of people are struggling with rent right now. People are not able to pay rent. A lot of people are not working. Especially undocumented folks are not receiving any kind of money to be able to survive in this pandemic. So we want to make sure that rent is canceled, until we know what’s going to happen next.”

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