

The Honorable Kathryn Porter  
Mayor, City of Takoma Park  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

March 12, 2007

Dear Mayor Porter,

A living wage is a matter of right for all workers. We respectfully request that you schedule a council work session to discuss and craft a Takoma Park Living Wage Ordinance modeled on Montgomery County's 2002 living-wage act and on State of Maryland legislation, HB430. Enactment would create a mandate that all larger city contracts with for-profit and non-profit entities pay workers a wage that would place a family of four above the poverty line.

Good intentions are not enough. We need a living wage built visibly and proudly into city law, a demonstration of good government that values economic justice.

Sincerely,

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