

Community Organizations in Support of Subpoena Power

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Last year, community, faith, and labor organizations came together to get justice for those that are victims of wage theft. We celebrated the wage theft ordinance passage, but in short order, we realized we did not have all the tools necessary to enforce the ordinance. Specifically, the ability to compel companies accused of wage theft to turn over payroll records.

After months of conversations with groups that were opposed to the wage ordinance last year, the ordinance has been altered to address their concerns without taking away necessary tools to be effective. Groups that were opposed to the passage of the wage theft ordinance are now supportive of subpoena power for that very ordinance. Many are pleased to see those cheating the system and getting an unfair advantage in the marketplace, held accountable.

This year, even without subpoena power, the Denver Auditor's Office recovered just over \$2.04 million dollars. These are earnings that go directly into the economy to support not only families but local businesses. The City of Denver can do even more after the passage of subpoena power this month. We urge you to stand in support of our community and businesses to ensure accountability for all doing business in Denver and support subpoena power for the Denver Auditor's office.

With all our support,

Colorado Cross Disability Coalition

United Food and Commercial Workers Local 7

Sheetmetal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Local 9

Denver Area Labor Federation

Communications Workers of America 7777

Western States Regional Council of Carpenters

Colorado Building and Construction Trades

Service Employees International Union Local 105

El Centro de los Trabajadores

Coloradans for the Common Good

Laborers International Union of North America Local 720

Colorado Fiscal Institute