

Union Wins Raises to \$15/hr for all State Workers!

UE150 Condemns State Legislature's Back-Room Deals and Tax Breaks for the Wealthy & Corporations

After UE150's successful Political Action days at the North Carolina State Legislature in May, legislative officials announced on May 24 that they plan to raise the minimum annual salary of full-time state employees to \$31,200 (\$15/hour) — or give a 2 percent raise to all workers with a higher salary. UE150 has been the main organization that has been advocating for the approach of granting wage increases to the lowest paid state employees first, and we won!

This will impact many thousands of UE members: housekeepers, healthcare techs, developmental techs, food service workers, groundskeepers, transportation workers and more that all generally make between \$26,000 and \$29,000. \$15 per hour is equivalent of \$31,200 per year. The raise will go into effect on July 1, 2018.

Beware: Budget hurts workers' families and our communities!

Don't be fooled by the Republicans! Here is how this budget severely hurts our communities:

- ★ \$900 million pulled out of the budget (to find vital state services and state employees!) Given directly to corporations and the most wealthy in tax cuts. NC already has the lowest corporate tax rate in the country, now they're lowering even further to 2.5%!
- ★ \$75 million was given by Federal government t to help fund Pre K programs, instead of using that all for Pre K, the state is shuffling \$50 million off to their other special interests!
- **★** The state is threatening to add a work requirement for Medicaid.



UE150 members from UNC, Cherry Hospital, Butner, and City of Durham, May 2018



UE150 members after meeting with Rep. Pricey Harrison, May 2018



UE150 members from Caswell Center after meeting with Rep. Amos Quick, May 2018