



Statement of Values in response to COVID-19

Massachusetts Working People's Demands in response to COVID-19:



"We owe our deepest gratitude to every worker on the frontlines, and every worker who is losing vital pay in the interest of public health; but more importantly, we owe them safe working conditions, economic safety nets, and access to testing and healthcare. And we owe our gratitude to every elected official and their staff working around the clock on policies to stem the tide of this pandemic. We believe that these core principles are essential to making sure that working people's needs remain at the heart of any legislative or executive responses."



Workplace safety protections for every worker on the job



Expansion of Paid Sick Days for all workers



Expansion of Unemployment Insurance for all workers



Affordable Health Care for every person



Free testing and more hospital beds



Help paying the bills for every person who needs it



A real say in any bailouts:

- o Workers on corporate boards
- o No layoffs or wage or benefit cuts
- o No busting of union contracts
- o No corporate buy-backs and executive bonuses



No foreclosures, evictions, utility shutoffs, penalties on late mortgage payments or student loan collection



Food assistance and emergency shelter for any person who needs it



All deportations and detentions by ICE should be ceased

"The Massachusetts AFL-CIO's vision pre-pandemic, now, and into the future is of a fair and just society that invests in the public good in a way that equitably benefits all working people."