WEEKLY UPDATE

Labor UPDATES:

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| Over 90 Starbucks across the country currently have union petitions and there are protests outside many locations. |  | “Frito-Lay spent about $26 million to air two Super Bowl ads.  But when one of its employees was electrocuted on the job, the company refused to pay for his medical care and stalked his family.”  “EXCLUSIVE: Frito-Lay worker Brandon Ingram was severely electrocuted on the job, disabled and denied medical care. Now, Brandon, his wife, and children are being stalked and secretly filmed by company agents.” |
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| LABOR UPDATES CONTINUED:   * Unions are now targeting Congress and trading stocks: “Rep. Kathy Manning (D-NC) violated the STOCK Act \*51 times\* last year, making dozens of undisclosed stock trades with her spouse. Multiple trades were in companies that would be dramatically affected by bills under debate. This is rampant in Congress.” * NEW: Truck drivers at the Port of LA are leading a groundbreaking union campaign. Their employer XPO systematically misclassifies them as 'contractors' so it can deny them basic benefits & rights. “They have worked a 40-50 hour week but because the deductions [for their truck payment, repairs, maintenance, insurance] for that week was more than they earned, they owe money to the company. It’s indentured servitude... It’s modern day sharecropping.” A victory could set a historic precedent for misclassified workers nationwide.  UNION TACTICS CONTINUED:   1. “REI continues its union-busting tactics at its NYC store.” "The only guarantee in any collective bargaining process is that there are no guarantees." Corporate-speak for "I'd hate to see anyone get hurt" while rolling up their sleeves... 2. 70 Starbucks stores in 20 states have now filed to form a union. 3. 17,000 BNSF railroad workers voted to authorize a strike over the attendance policy | | |  |
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| LABOR UPDATES CONTINUED:   * NEW: New Mexico Democrats voted unanimously to pass a 20% raise for teachers & institute a $50K salary floor. The policy will help retain teachers during a time when 55% of teachers are planning to quit sooner than expected. They’re calling on other states to follow suit. * Baristas at Great Lakes Roasting in Detroit are demanding union recognition with UNITE HERE Local 24. “…And we are on strike until we get it—along with a fair first contract. #ComradesInCoffee…” * “The first Oklahoma store filed for a union petition today, bringing our total to 97 stores in 26 states! I believe that we should have the right to feel safe and appreciated in our jobs. This movement will make sure of that." |  |  | |

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* NEW: “The workers who make Reese's Peanut Butter Cups describe going to work as a stay in Hershey's prison. Workers have been forced to work 70+ days straight, receive constant forced overtime, and are punished for time off. Now they’re unionizing to take back their power.”