



April 28, 2020

Brothers and Sisters,

Today, April 28th is Workers' Memorial Day. A day in which we stop to reflect on the lives of the working brothers and sisters who died while on the job. Unfortunately, we are living in a time where working men and women are succumbing to the terrible virus Covid-19. Thousands of essential workers are on the front-lines keeping our communities running while many shelter at home to keep the virus at bay.

I have never in my life witnessed a moment more urgent than now that made it more clear that workers are the backbone of Society. Workers' Memorial Day is a time to remember those heroes who lost their lives trying to make life livable for others. Workers in healthcare, Emergency Communications, food-service, supermarket, transportation, public safety, sanitation, custodial, home care providers, and waterworks are on the front-lines risking their lives and the safety of their families for a decent day's pay.

My deepest sympathies go out to the families and friends of over 100 workers lost from our Sister Union DC 37 and hundreds if not thousands across many other Unions and organizations in the United States. Our political advocacy means more now than it ever has, and we will continue to push for local and State aide in the next federal stimulus. Workers need the proper protection and support to do their jobs, and it is imperative that local governments have the funding to adequately provide public services during this economic disaster.

An injury to one is an injury to all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan DiClemente', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dan DiClemente  
President of AFSCME Council 66