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DID YOU KNOW THAT TIPPED WORKERS EARN ONLY \$2.13 AN HOUR?

WAGING CHANGE

A FILM BY ABBY GINZBERG

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WAGING CHANGE TO PREMIERE AT DOC NYC ON NOVEMBER 8TH 2019

WAGING CHANGE, a new documentary about the tipped minimum wage, directed by Peabody award-winner, Abby Ginzberg, will have its world premiere at DOC NYC film Festival in New York City on November 8, 2019.

Waging Change shines a spotlight on the challenges faced by restaurant workers trying to feed themselves and their families off tips by weaving together stories of individuals, such as Nataki Rhodes of Chicago, Andrea Velasquez of Detroit and Wardell Harvey of New Orleans with the growing movement to end the tipped minimum wage. Featuring Saru Jayaraman, Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda and Rep. Alexandria OcasioCortez, the film reveals an American workers' struggle hidden in plain sight-- the effort to end the federal tipped minimum wage of \$2.13 for restaurant servers and bartenders and the #MeToo movement's efforts to end sexual harassment.

The documentary, which has been filmed over three years, follows workers and others behind the movement for One Fair Wage, which recently resulted in the House of Representatives voting to eliminate the tipped minimum wage by 2026. "This is the first time that either House of Congress has acted to eliminate the historical legacy of slavery embodied in the tipped minimum wage but we still have a great deal of work to do to end the federal tipped minimum wage of \$2.13 which is what restaurant servers, bartenders, nail salon workers and others make in 17 states today." said Saru Jayaraman, the co-founder of ROC United and co-founder of One Fair Wage.

Actors and activists Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin have been working to end the tipped minimum wage in Michigan. According to Jane Fonda: "To be a healthy nation, every person who can work needs to earn enough money to support themselves and be treated with dignity." Lily Tomlin said: "I feel great to be part of this campaign because everything you do to work for other people, to make their lives a little easier, a little more secure, it's meaningful."

The trailer is at: www.wagingchange.com/trailer A link to a screener of the film is available upon request. Filmmaker Abby Ginzberg and subjects Saru Jayaraman and Nataki Rhodes, Sekou Siby and others are available for interviews.

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