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With the midterm elections less than one week away, of course we must do everything we can to elect as many strong progressive candidates to office as possible, and continue to build our nationwide grassroots movement. But there are also a number of critically important ballot measures that deserve our focus and attention, as well.

This Tuesday, Portland, Maine has the potential to pass the most progressive, inclusive minimum wage initiative in the history of the United States — Question D.

A "Yes" on Question D would raise the minimum wage for *all* workers to a living wage of \$18 an hour — **including** tipped workers, workers with disabilities, youth, gig workers, and incarcerated workers.

As you might expect, opposition from the billionaire class and the ultra-wealthy to Question D has been fierce.

Lobbyists like the National Restaurant Association, large corporations like Uber and Doordash, and real estate developers have collectively poured more than \$600,000 into Portland on mailers, advertising, and misinformation campaigns, all so they can continue to pay restaurant workers and gig workers subminimum wages.

As a result of their efforts, polling shows a very tight race. And with only a few days to go until the vote is decided, it's up to our progressive movement in Maine to stand together and fight to pass Question D.

[Add your name to my petition in support of Portland, Maine's Question D, a measure on the ballot this Tuesday which would increase the minimum wage to \\$18 an hour. This is important.](#)

At a time when half of American workers are living paycheck to paycheck, and millions of people earn starvation wages and struggle to put food on the table, the wealthy and powerful have never had it so good.

But what we are seeing all across the country and in every sector of our economy is that working people are standing up in the face of corporate greed, demanding fairer wages, better working conditions, and the dignity and respect on the job that they deserve.

Our greatest weapon in this fight is solidarity, and the people of Portland, Maine have an incredible opportunity this Tuesday to continue our movement's collective struggle by voting "Yes" on Question D this Tuesday.

That's why I'm asking:

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Thank you for all that you do.

In solidarity,

Bernie Sanders