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Now, from our efforts, we estimate the company will be spending over \$1.2 Million to cover the cost of paying hourly employees their time and a half for today. That is money that rightly belongs in our pockets. Starbucks net revenue was \$10 Billion while the people making the drinks and serving customers find it hard to pay bills, go to school, and provide for our children.

What do you want to see changed at the company? Join the Starbucks Workers Union and our next major victory for baristas might be because of you.

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