# YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO NONPROFITS THROUGH YOUR EMPLOYER

Under NYC's Fast Food Deductions Law, fast food employers must honor employee requests to deduct voluntary payments from their paychecks to send to nonprofits that have a registration letter from the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA). Employers must post this notice where employees can easily see it at each NYC workplace.

# **Fast Food Workers Covered by the Law**

Employees who perform at least one of the following tasks at a fast food establishment in NYC:

- customer service
- cooking
- food or drink preparation
- off-site delivery

- security
- stocking supplies or equipment
- cleaning
- routine maintenance duties

The law applies regardless of immigration status.



Employers cannot punish, penalize, retaliate, or take any action against employees that might stop or deter them from exercising their rights under the law. Workers should immediately contact OLPS about retaliation. See below.

# **Your Rights**



# **Authorize Voluntary Deductions and Contributions to a Nonprofit**

To ensure your employer makes deductions from your paycheck and submits contributions to a nonprofit, the nonprofit must submit written authorization from you to your employer with:

- Your signature
- Your name and address
- Amount, frequency, and start date of contributions
- Name, address, and contact information for the nonprofit
- Statement that the deductions and contributions are voluntary and revocable

Deductions must begin on or before the first pay period 15 days after your employer received written authorization. Your employer is not required to make deductions of less than \$3 per week or make deductions more than once per pay period.

Your employer must:

- Give the nonprofit a copy of your written authorization within 5 days of receiving it, if you provide the written authorization to the employer.
- Note deductions on your wage statement.

Your employer cannot:

- Make deductions without your authorization.
- Require you to pay a fee for the deductions.



#### **Revoke Authorization**

To end voluntary deductions and contributions, you must submit written revocation to the nonprofit, which will send the revocation to your employer. Deductions must end on or before the first pay period 15 days after your employer received written revocation from the nonprofit.



# **Receive Information about the Nonprofit**

The nonprofit must disclose to you its:

- Name, address, email, website (if it has one), phone number, and contact information for person responsible for authorizations and revocations
- Mission, programs, and areas of focus
- List of officers and directors, including individuals earning more than \$100,000 who were or are employees of the nonprofit
- Financial information
- Proof of active not-for-profit status

It is illegal for a nonprofit to make false or misleading statements to you.

Labor organizations may not seek contributions. Any nonprofit that you authorize to receive contributions must inform you of the following:

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO LABOR ORGANIZATIONS:

Labor organizations as defined by the National Labor Relations Act, employee organizations as defined by subdivision 5 of section 201 of the civil service law, and labor organizations as defined in subdivision 5 of section 701 of the labor law are not permitted to seek remittances under this chapter pursuant to subdivision b of section 20-1310 (Local Law 98 of 2017).

## File a Complaint

DCA's Office of Labor Policy & Standards (OLPS) enforces the Fast Food Deductions Law and other NYC labor laws.

To file a complaint with OLPS, go to nyc.gov/dca or contact 311 (212-NEW-YORK outside NYC) and ask for "Deductions Law." OLPS will conduct an investigation and try to resolve your complaint. OLPS will keep your identity confidential unless disclosure is necessary to complete an investigation or is required by law.

You can also file an action in court. However, you cannot have a complaint with OLPS and a claim in court at the same time.

### **Contact OLPS**

Visit nyc.gov/dca, email FWW@dca.nyc.gov, or contact 311 and ask for "Deductions Law."

