



A Congress For Working Families

By Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-39)

I know firsthand that many workers are not treated with dignity and respect. I have walked picket lines, mobilized farm workers, organized janitors, and helped employees keep their health care and pensions. I am a proud card-holding member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 441, and the former Executive

Secretary-Treasurer of the Orange County Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

When I came to the U.S. House of Representatives in January '03, I was asked to sign up for Congressional Caucuses. I joined the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, the Human Rights Caucus, and the Women's Caucus, among others. You can imagine my surprise to learn that while there is a Congressional Ski and Snowboard

Caucus and a House Potato Caucus - there was no caucus to give a unified voice to working men and women.

I was shocked, and I wanted to do something to ensure that the voices of working families are loudly heard in Congress - each and every day.

To this end, I joined forces with two other members of Congress, Representatives Stephen F. Lynch (D-MA) and Michael Michaud (D-ME). Together, we formed the "Congressional Labor and Working Families Caucus" because we share a passion for protecting working families.

The aim of the Working Families Caucus is to protect workers' rights and American families by developing and implementing a pro-labor agenda in the U.S. Congress. The Caucus will help to advance critical issues facing working families like the systematic attack on the right to collectively bargain. The Caucus will work on issues like overtime pay and safer working conditions, and it is a united front against anti-labor and anti-worker legislation on trade policy, pension rules, and health care.

It is time for Congress to put value on hard work and the workers who are the backbone of our great country. That is exactly why I co-founded the Labor Caucus. I want to give the millions of working families across America a voice in Congress. Brothers and Sisters, I proudly stand in solidarity with you. ✕

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MEETING SCHEDULE

PORT	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Baltimore	Tues. 6	Tues. 3	Tues. 9
Boston	Mon. 5	Mon. 2	Mon. 8
Calhoun School	Wed. 7	Wed. 4	Wed. 10
Charleston	Tues. 6	Tues. 3	Tues. 9
Honolulu	Fri. 9	Fri. 6	Fri. 12
Houston	Tues. 6	Tues. 3	Tues. 9
Jacksonville	Wed. 7	Wed. 4	Wed. 10
Los Angeles	Thurs. 8	Thurs. 5	Thurs. 11
New Orleans	Wed. 7	Wed. 4	Wed. 10
New York	Thurs. 8	Thurs. 5	Thurs. 11
Norfolk	Thurs. 8	Thurs. 5	Thurs. 11
Portland	Wed. 7	Wed. 4	Wed. 10
San Francisco	Tues. 6	Tues. 3	Tues. 9
Seattle	Mon. 5	Mon. 2	Mon. 8
Tampa	Thurs. 8	Thurs. 5	Thurs. 11