

Letter: Labor is not your enemy

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In the tapestry of our nation's history, the Labor Movement stands as a vital thread, woven with sweat and dedication. It's disheartening to witness an erosion of understanding regarding the pivotal role the Labor Movement has played in shaping our nation. Labor is not the enemy, but rather a cornerstone of progress and justice.

Through blood, sweat, and collective action, the Labor Movement outlawed child labor, safeguarding the innocence of our youth and granting them a chance at a brighter future. It advocated for workplace safety conditions, sparing countless lives from perilous hazards. The establishment of a federal minimum wage ensured a basic standard of living for those toiling tirelessly in the foundation of our economy.

Today, as we reap the benefits of these hard-fought victories, let us not forget the sacrifices and struggles that have molded our present. A strong labor force drives a prosperous economy and fosters a society where fairness and equity prevail. Let us embrace this legacy and strive to fortify the bonds that unite us as a nation.

Sincerely,

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