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Steve Easterbrook
McDonald's President and Chief Executive Officer
110 N Carpenter St.
Chicago, IL 60607

Dear Mr. Easterbrook:

I would like to invite you to participate in a livestreamed town hall event with me and workers from McDonald's and CEOs and workers from other highly profitable corporations on Monday, July 16, 2018. The conversation will focus on the responsibility of large corporations to promote an economy that works for everyone, the working conditions and wages of workers, our current tax system, and the growing crisis of income and wealth inequality in America.

Today, the richest 1 percent of American families own a greater portion of the country's wealth than the bottom 90 percent. Even more shocking, just three individuals own more wealth than the bottom half. Meanwhile, the incomes of the top earners continue to skyrocket – CEO compensation jumped as much as 937 percent between 1978 and 2016 – while most Americans struggle to get by on stagnating wages.

As you know, many of your employees work long shifts for low wages. The people you employ who prepare our burgers and fries and serve up Happy Meals – they are making wages so low they are barely surviving. One McDonald's worker said, "We're tired of surviving, we want to live. We can't even survive off \$7.25." Another said, "We don't want to rely on assistance programs anymore or figure out how we're going to pay our rent, or afford our next meal."

These are just a few examples of a much larger story about the growing divide between the top 1 percent and everyone else. In the year 2018, no one in America, especially those working for a profitable corporation like McDonald's, should be living in poverty. I hope very much that you will join us, along with workers and executives from Disney, Walmart and Amazon, to discuss how we can create an economy that works for all, not just those on top.

The panel is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Congressional Auditorium, Room 200 of the United States Capitol Visitor Center. If you have any questions, please call Ari Rabin-Havt on my staff at (202) 224-5141. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, July 16.

Sincerely,



Bernard Sanders
United States Senator