



# FIGHT BACK PITTSBURGH

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## **Fight Back Pittsburgh/USW Local 3657 Organizing Committee**

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This month, Fight Back Pittsburgh continued the fight to implement the city's paid sick day legislation, supported our locked out sisters and brothers at ATI and took a stand for women's rights.

- Members of Fight Back Pittsburgh have organized regular visits to ATI picket lines around southwest Pennsylvania. The weekly picket line delegations have now made it to all 7 locked out locations in southwest Pennsylvania.
- Fight Back Pittsburgh's Women's Caucus mobilized alongside members of Local 3657's Women of Steel group and other communities allies to support Planned Parenthood at the October 7<sup>th</sup> rally and march in downtown Pittsburgh
- Fight Back Pittsburgh's Women's Caucus continued its work to combat street harassment by publishing a new handbook on identifying and fighting back against street harassment. A copy of the handbook is online at <http://fightbackpittsburgh.org/womens-caucus-harassment-handbook/>.
- The Fight Back at Work Committee has launched a new newsletter, "Labor Struggles in the Steel City and Beyond," which includes updates on labor and working class struggles in Pittsburgh and around the country. The newsletter is posted on Fight Back Pittsburgh's web page and a truncated version runs in the Thomas Merton Center's New People newspaper.
- Fight Back Pittsburgh member Lauren Finkel and USW Local 1219 Vice President Kevin Cunningham testified at the City of Pittsburgh's Wage Board Hearing on October 22, speaking out in support of calls for a

dramatic increase in the minimum wage, particularly for fast food and hospital workers.

- On Friday, October 30, Fight Back Pittsburgh is organizing a creative action at the Church Brew Works to call out the brewery for its participation in a lawsuit that has halted the implementation of the city's paid sick day legislation. See Patrick Young for more details.
- On November 7<sup>th</sup>, Fight Back Pittsburgh will be leading a Solidarity Bus Tour, visiting all of the ATI picket lines in southwestern Pennsylvania. All are welcome and an e-mail has been sent out to the 3657 members in the building. To sign up, visit <http://fightbackpittsburgh.org/ati-solidarity-bus-tour/>.