

NO TO SWEATSHOPS

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BloodSucker **CHERYL LAU**

Ending sweatshops is everyone's responsibility. For Asian Americans, this is an especially urgent task. That's because a great number of Asian immigrant women, men, and children are now suffering from sweatshop practices. Sweatshops are businesses that operate illegally and inhumanely against their employees. They rob workers from their families by forcing them to work long hours, pay them sub-minimum wages, and shut and lock them away in hazardous and unsanitary conditions.

Yet, there are people that try to undermine current efforts to end sweatshops:

CHERYL LAU, an Asian Republican congressional candidate in Nevada, who tonight is holding a fund-raiser banquet at the Jing Fong Chinese Restaurant -- one of the largest sweatshops in NY -- is such a person.

Despite repeated pleas to Lau to relocate her fund-raiser, Lau has refused. She should know better.

As a former General Counsel., she should know better than to patronize a restaurant that has been found by the New York State Attorney General to have extensively violated minimum wage and overtime payment laws, illegally appropriated workers' tips, kept fraudulent payroll records, and fired at least one worker for retaliatory reasons. Jing Fong was also advised to make restitution to workers of \$1.3 million for stolen tips and unpaid wages, and immediately cease all sweatshop practices. **YET, JING FONG CONTINUES TO BREAK THE LAW, CONTINUES TO STEAL TIPS FROM WORKERS!!!**

And as an Asian-American, Cheryl should simply know better than to support a restaurant that exploits the very community that she claims to represent.

Josephine Chung, organizer of this fund-raiser, has suggested that we, as Asian-Americans, should just ignore the sweatshop situation and support Lau because she is an Asian woman. As a little girl in our organization, who is also taking part in the protest, pointed out, she does support Asian women. She supports Asian women who are at this very moment suffering from but also struggling against the abusive and oppressive conditions of Chinatown sweatshops.

Cheryl and Josephine should know better. Well, what about you? Do you support Asian Women?

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