Dear Pope Francis,

We are the workers who cook and clean at the U.S. Capitol and other federal buildings.

We look forward to welcoming you to our workplace and request the opportunity to meet with you.

We want you to know that even though we serve the wealthy and the powerful in the Congress, we earn so little that we live in utter poverty.

*We sleep on the streets because we cannot pay the rent.*
*We go to bed hungry because we can’t put food on the table.*
*We endure sickness because we cannot afford health care.*
*We earn so little that we sacrifice our dignity to support our kids.*
*We work such long hours that our unborn babies have died.*

We may be invisible to the wealthy and powerful we serve everyday – but we know we are worthy of a more abundant life as children of God.

That’s why we are joining with other low-wage workers across America who are fighting to provide a decent life for ourselves and our families.

As you prepare to meet with the Congress and President, we hope that you will also take a little time to meet with us and listen to our stories.

Thank you,

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