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lift New Yorkers out of poverty while providing an economic stimulus. Through incremental annual increases, New York City will reach \$15 by 2018, while the rest of the state will phase in wage increases over a longer period of time. The budget also included the nation's most comprehensive paid family leave program, allowing full-time and part-time workers who have been in their jobs for at least six months to take up to 12 weeks off to care for a baby or ill family member.



Standing with Verizon Workers on the Picket Line

On April 18 I joined Verizon workers striking outside of

management to recognize the workers' right to collective bargaining and to publicly commit to refraining from intimidation, mass firings, and other anti-union tactics. United Steelworkers District 4 won their representation election shortly thereafter.



Applauding NLRB Decision on Graduate Workers

I've been proud to stand with graduate student workers since my first months as State Senator, when I joined Graduate Student Organizing Committee (GSOC)-UAW Local 2110 at New York University (NYU) to urge then University President John Sexton to hold a representation election and voluntarily recognize GSOC, which NYU did later that year. However, under the 2004 *Brown* decision, the National Labor