



Union Leaders Celebrate Labor Day Across Pennsylvania

PA AFL-CIO emphasizes solidarity, workers' rights, and the ongoing fight for fair wages and safe workplaces.

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PENNSYLVANIA (Sept. 1, 2025) – Leaders of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO (PA AFL-CIO) joined workers across the Commonwealth today in celebrating Labor Day and honoring the generations who fought for the rights unions defend today.

Angela Ferritto, President of the PA AFL-CIO, addressed the Erie Labor Day Parade, while Secretary-Treasurer Maurice Cobb spoke in Philadelphia. Both leaders underscored the holiday's history as a day of solidarity and sacrifice, reminding Pennsylvanians that every gain for working people was achieved through collective action.

"Labor Day is a reminder that every right workers enjoy today—from fair wages to safe workplaces—was earned through struggle and collective action," said Maurice Cobb, Secretary-Treasurer of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO. "As we celebrate, we honor the sacrifices of those who came before us and recommit to protecting and expanding these hard-won gains for all Pennsylvanians."

Throughout the day, PA AFL-CIO leaders engaged with union members and community allies across the state, highlighting the importance of protecting fair wages, safe workplaces, and the right to organize.

"This Labor Day, the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO – representing more than 700,000 working people across the Commonwealth – is reaffirming the same truth that has driven every labor victory in history: if you don't have a union, build one; if you're in a union, strengthen it; and if

your neighbors want the benefits of a union, help them organize,” said Angela Ferritto, President of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO.

About the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO is one of nearly 500 state and local labor councils of the AFL-CIO and is the heart of the labor movement. We are democratically elected bodies dedicated to representing the interests of working people at the state and local level. We mobilize our members and community partners to advocate for social and economic justice, and we strive daily to vanquish oppression and make our communities better for all people—regardless of race, color, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or ethnic or national origin.

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