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The Honorable Kshama Sawant  
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Dear Councilmember Sawant:

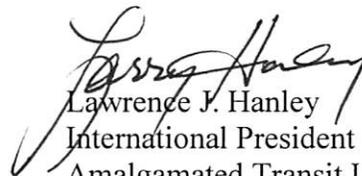
On behalf of the nearly 200,000 workers represented by the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) throughout North America, I am writing to officially endorse your re-election to the Seattle City Council. Your dedication to the working people of Seattle is an inspiration for those of us fighting against corporate greed everywhere.

Your fight to increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour was an unprecedented success. Moreover, your expertise in economics and wage inequality has helped to push the movement to help working people achieve their goals and provide a better life which they richly deserve. In addition, we deeply appreciate your support and efforts to improve and expand public transit in the Seattle area, especially increasing services to the poor.

Most importantly, we are grateful for your deep-rooted support of the Labor Movement. As corporations continue to record massive profits, workers are placed on the sidelines, despite being the ones who are producing the goods and services for which corporations are reserving the bounty for their top employees. The ATU, as with the rest of the Labor Movement, fights day and night to increase workers' rights and wages, and we are thankful for the leadership that you and others like you provide.

We believe that the city of Seattle is incredibly fortunate to have you and your expertise, and should continue to benefit from your spirit and leadership. We therefore wholeheartedly endorse your campaign for re-election to the Seattle City Council.

Sincerely,

  
Lawrence J. Hanley  
International President  
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C: Kenneth McCormick, President/Business Agent, ATU Local 587, Seattle