

Consent Form

Worker Human Rights Research Project

A project of Raise the Floor Alliance, *a coalition of Chicago's worker centers:*

Arise Chicago Worker Center
Centro de Trabajadores Unidos
Chicago Community & Workers' Rights
Chicago Workers' Collaborative

Latino Union
Restaurant Opportunities Center of Chicago
Warehouse Workers for Justice
Workers' Center for Racial Justice

Purpose of the Research

Raise the Floor Alliance is a citywide coalition involving all of Chicago's worker centers. We are working with a human rights group, the National Economic and Social Rights Initiative (NESRI), to understand what happens when workers deal with unfair treatment or problems at work, whether it is not getting paid, being unsafe, trying to get workers' compensation for getting hurt, or anything else. Raise the Floor Alliance will be publishing a report to share workers' stories and to push for better protecting workers when they speak up and try to resolve problems.

Raise the Floor Alliance expects to reach 500 workers through surveys and is asking 15 to 30 of those workers to share their stories and experiences through interviews. You have been invited to participate in one of those interviews.

Confidentiality

This research is not connected to any government agency or employer, and Raise the Floor Alliance has not received government or business money to fund it. Raise the Floor Alliance will not share your name or use any information that would identify you. If we use a story or quote from your interview in our report, we will keep your identity confidential and give you a made-up name.

With your permission, this interview will be audio recorded so that we can remember everything we talk about correctly. It will also help Raise the Floor Alliance to identify issues shared in multiple interviews. The audio recording will include no information that can be used to identify you and will only be listened to by members of Raise the Floor and NESRI. You have the right to request that the recording be stopped or erased in full or in part at any time. If the interview is audio recorded, we will destroy the tape after we have translated the audio into writing. This consent form will be stored separately from the audio record of this interview.

Voluntary Participation

This interview is completely voluntary. Your participation in this interview will have no effect on any services you may receive from the worker centers in Chicago or from any other organization. You can skip any question that you do not want to answer. If you change your mind about your participation, you can stop the interview at any time and ask for the information recorded up to that point not to be used. We will also give you a copy of this consent form.

The interviewer(s) will ask you about problems you've had while on the job and how your bosses treated you and other workers when you've complained about those problems or tried to improve your job. We expect the interview to take about one hour.

Questions?

If you have questions or would like more information about this research or our work, please contact _____ [interviewer's name] at _____ [interviewer's contact info].

Consent Agreement

Before interview

Your signature on this document means, after reading and discussing the information in this consent form:

- You agree to be interviewed for the Worker Human Rights Research Project, understanding that stories and quotes from the interview may be used in a report and advocacy by Raise the Floor Alliance and NESRI
- You agree to audio record the interview, so that it may be studied by members of Raise the Floor and NESRI
- You have received a copy of this consent form

Participant's Signature

Date

Print Participant's Name (please write clearly)

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After interview

It's OK to contact me about:

- Follow up questions about this interview
- Updates on this project
- Opportunities to become a campaign storyteller

Signature

Phone: _____

Email: _____