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Whole Bound Workers File Lawsuit After Allegedly Being Punished For Wearing Black Lives Matter Masks

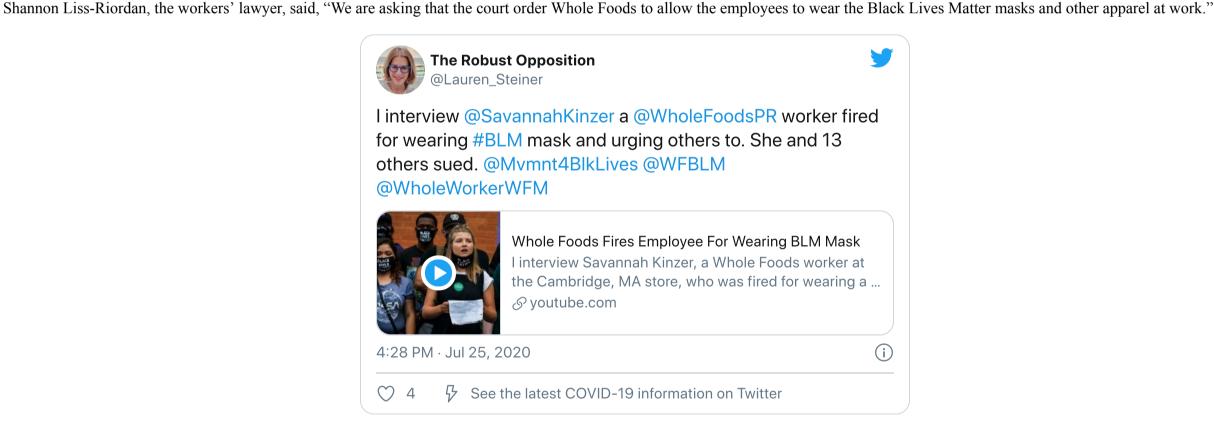
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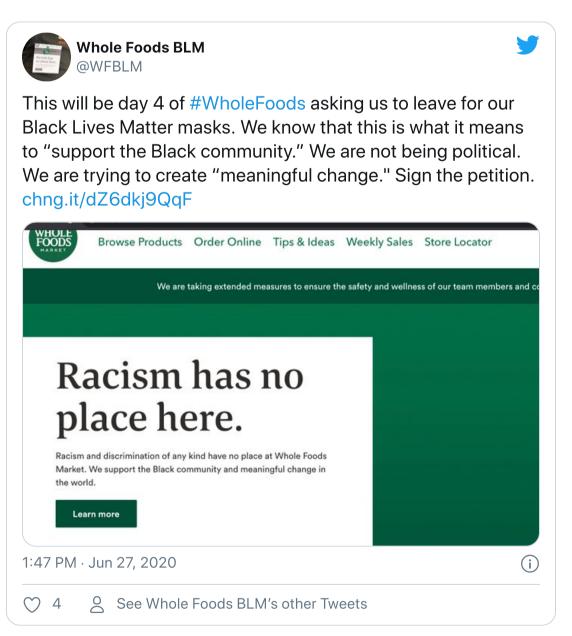
Fourteen Whole Foods employees have filed a lawsuit against the corporation after allgedly being punished for wearing Black Lives Matter masks. Over 40 employees have been punished for wearing Black Lives Matter masks, the <u>lawsuit stated</u>. "Whole Foods' selective enforcement of its dress code in disciplining employees who wear apparel expressing support for the Black Lives Matter movement constitutes unlawful discrimination," the lawsuit continued.

The 14 employees request that the grocery chain ban the dress policy that works against them. The suit further requests the employees get back pay for being sent home for wearing BLM paraphernalia.



According to the lawsuit, Black Lives Matter masks have been worn by Black employees since the protests after George Floyd's murder by police. The employees filing the lawsuit are based in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Berkeley, California; Bedford, New Hampshire; and Seattle, Washington.

Savannah Kinzer, a former worker, said she got fired for wearing a Black Lives Matter mask. The company <u>refuted with a statement</u>, "No team members have been terminated for wearing Black Lives Matter face masks or apparel. [She was fired] for not working her assigned shifts, reporting late for work multiple times in the past nine days and choosing to leave during her scheduled shifts."



Whole Foods has a mission statement on their website which states that "Racism has no place here," but if the allegations against the company are true, their actions towards workers show otherwise. The business also fired a worker back in June for speaking up <u>against giving police officers free food</u>.

We are eager to see how this situation will unfold. If the allegations by the employees are true, we hope that they will receive justice in the case.

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