

## **YELLOW RAT BASTARD WORKERS CELEBRATE WINNING \$1.4 MILLION AWARD IN BACKPAY FROM RETAILER**

WHAT: Labor and Community Rally to Celebrate Victory of Unpaid Wage Settlement for Yellow Rat Bastard Store employees – Called by the Retail Action Project, a partnership of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU) and the Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES)

WHEN: Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: 483 Broadway (between Grand & Broome Streets)

### **Solidarity Remarks by Jacob Lieberman, Director of Pride in Action**

*Felicidades, trabajadores de YRB!* Congratulations, YRB workers on your victory!

Today, the New York Times is covering your victory. The headline reads "Settlement Gives Past Wages to Clothing Retailer's Workers."

That's true enough: We are thrilled to get BACK what Henry Ishay and the YRB stole from you – your fair wages. But we're not out here today – no, not in this bitter cold - celebrating *just* BACK Wages.

No, we're here today because we won BACK Respect.  
And we're here today in this freezing cold because we won BACK Dignity.  
And we're here today because we won BACK Justice.

What Henry Ishay and his companies took from you wasn't just your hard earned cash. He also took away your right to fairness and freedom from harassment as immigrants, as lesbian, gay, bi and transgender people, and as working people. Today, we celebrate taking that BACK.

The Empire State Pride Agenda, the New York State LGBT civil rights and advocacy organization, and our Pride In Our Union program are proud to stand with you.

Si se pudo! Yes you DID!