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Palmer v. Amazon Legal Team Joint Statement on Dismissal of Lawsuit Today

Upon a federal judge's [decision to grant](#) Amazon's motion to dismiss the worker protection suit *Palmer v. Amazon* today, the plaintiffs' legal team had this reaction:

The Court's decision to grant Amazon's motion to dismiss the claims of workers at the company's JFK8 facility is devastating for the health and safety of Amazon workers nationwide: it frees Amazon to continue to discourage workers to take adequate time to wash their hands or sanitize their workstations, to fail to promptly pay for quarantine leave in line with some state laws, to undergo 'contact tracing' that doesn't include the most basic steps in tracking worker contacts, and to continue failing to clearly communicate to workers about what they should do if they begin experiencing symptoms or believe they've been exposed. We are weighing an appeal of this ruling.

The Court's deference to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration should be very concerning to anyone who cares about the health of American workers, given that OSHA has been virtually AWOL throughout this crisis. To take just one recent example, a Smithfield plant in South Dakota at which 1,200 workers contracted COVID and four died this spring was fined just \$13,494 by OSHA, months after the outbreak.

We are very proud to represent our courageous clients who are going up against one of the most powerful companies in the world, which they allege has put its profits above the health and safety of its workers and their community during this pandemic.

- The legal team in *Palmer v. Amazon*: Make the Road New York, Public Justice, Terrell Marshall Law Group, and Towards Justice