

# CLEANING FOR A LIVING IN NEW JERSEY IS HARD WORK . . .



*"Not having health insurance is very stressful, especially knowing that I can get worse any second...."*

*—Abad Ruiz  
New Jersey office cleaner*

## . . . MAKING ENDS MEET, EVEN HARDER.

**WORKING PART-TIME AS A CLEANER** at the Dow Jones building in New Brunswick, NJ, Abad takes home about \$700 a month. Although her husband works, Abad and her family have a tough time making ends meet. With a medical condition that requires care, and no health insurance to cover the costs, the family has virtually no money left at the end of the month after paying for basic needs and health care.

Abad and thousands of commercial cleaners in the Garden State are fighting for more full time jobs so they can qualify for employer-paid benefits, such as health insurance, along with steady wage increases. Only then will they stand a real chance to provide their families a better future.



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