

I fully support raising the minimum wage in Oregon. I was a manager for years in a retail environment and I saw how crushing the reality was for my workers who were constantly trying to figure how to make ends meet - every week. How dreams were deferred or cancelled. How college was no longer possible. Where the SLIGHTEST emergency was at least temporarily devastating. Meanwhile the CEO of our Fortune 50 company made more then my entire yearly wage by the time I took my first coffee break. Literally.

For any of those who still parrot the idea that this will 'wreck' our economy I have to ask them: Germany has had a multi-tiered minimum wage system - from \$14 to \$17 ish per hour, for DECADES and they are the 4th most powerful economy in the world. How is that possible. If a high minimum wage 'ruins' economies how can Germany 'afford' this?

The truth is that those who insist that a higher minimum wage will 'wreck' the American economy are LIARS. They are motivated solely by GREED.

Enough of this. Do the right thing Oregon!

Sincerely,

Jim Harrison