

Thank you for accepting my email regarding the Legislature's consideration of bills that would increase the minimum wage.

My husband and I own a small Civil Engineering and Land Surveying company and a Commercial office building. During the past six years, we have been able to afford to hire unskilled workers, summer interns, and high school students to do various entry level work. If the minimum wage increases more than very small increments, we will not be able to hire people who need to be trained and supervised. When you set the rate at \$15/hr, you are suggesting that those jobs are such that the individual SHOULD NOT need to be trained (much) or supervised. We will no longer be able to support the student population, no longer afford to provide training and basic work experience for young people. Please Do NOT increase the minimum wage.

We also believe that any increase in minimum wage will not solve problems, but will create more for those already in need.

Thank you,

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