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Chair Sen.Dembrow and Chair Rep. Holvey,

My name is Dick Leshley. I own Yellow Cab Taxi in Coos Bay Oregon. I currently have a paid staff of 11 and serve 45 taxicab owner operators. In 2008 when the price of fuel spiked to \$4.00 a gallon we were forced to raise our flat rate taxi fare from \$6.00 to \$7.00. In 90 days our trip volume dropped from 620 trips a day to 460 trips a day. We still have not recovered. I had to lay off 2 paid staff and our driver group shrank from 48 to 35. If the minimum raise is changed we will forced to raise our base trip price by at least 2.00. If this happens I fully expect that with a \$9.00 bas rate our 68 year old company will not survive. If it does survive we will not be **servng** the elderly and disabled population that make up up at least half of our client base. I also understand that the effect of Seattle's and San Francisco's minimum wage hikes are just now beginning to make themselves felt. We,in rural Oregon, are just beginning to recover from our recession of the 1980's let alone from the 2008 recession. This is not the time to raise minimum wage.

Respectfully yours,

Dick Leshley

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