

I oppose the minimum wage increase do to the following:

1. In order to increase wages money has to come from somewhere, I will be forced to increase my prices as all my cost of goods will go up as well as wages.
2. The employees that I presently have, that have earned the right through dedication, time and good performance to earn a higher than minimum wage will have to be compensated above the minimum wage increase that is proposed.
3. Raising the minimum wage will also increase inflation and the cost of living. A perfect example is the cost of living difference between Seattle and Tacoma Washington which is about 33%. This forces people to live in outlying areas and commute to area's of higher wages. The end result is high fuel usage, more pollution and clogged up highways. Seattle has one of the worst traffic congestion in the country.
4. Higher minimum wage won't bring more customers to my store. More people will go to the big box store, who sell products produced mainly in China and removing money from the local economy. This is bad for business and bad for the economy do to the increase in inflation.

Please don't increase the minimum wage, let people earn the right to make more money through excellent performance. Help curb inflation by not raising minimum wages and have more people buy from 'Made in USA!'

Thank you for your attention on this issue.

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