



April 13, 2015

House Business & Labor Committee
Senate Workforce Committee

Re: Proposals to increase statewide minimum wage

Dear House Chair Holvey and Senate Chair Dembrow,

The Tualatin Chamber of Commerce represents 409 local businesses with over 15,000 employees and we support Oregon's current minimum wage law that indexes the minimum wage each year based on inflation. Here are some of the reasons why:

- **Key Knife, Inc. - An employee owned company**, Pamela K. Anderson Senior Vice President, (503) 403-2000
 - The data alone supports why it doesn't make sense to raise the minimum wage. Our state needs to focus rather on how to create better job offerings.
 - Raising the minimum wage will only hurt small businesses, teens trying to get part time work, and ultimately the consumer, all which has a negative effect on our economy.
- **Co-Operations**, Patricia Granum, CEO, (503) 620-7977
 - My industry is the warehousing and logistics business. Already my clients are shipping stuff to Atlanta just so the product will get INTO the country. The debacle with the ports is so troubling. I understand yet another container carrier has left Portland. So now we have no competitive advantage over Seattle right now.
 - And now; to try to defend our \$15 wage to someone doing what we do who are living in the mid-west? Impossible.
 - Sadly; we might need to start focusing our efforts on our Atlanta, GA office. I understand why Oregon employees need to make more than the min wage since OR is a very expensive state to live in. But \$15 an hour will hurt our ability to compete nationally. GAis looking good.
 - And, since my industry competes Nationally; they are right....this is a job killer.
 - So on those two fronts; we are getting really beat up!! Thank you.
- **Pacific States Galvanizing**, Sandy Richardson, (503) 692-8888
- **Success Pacific**, Staff & Executives, 503-662-2911
 - It's not the government's responsibility to guarantee any individual a rate of pay. Let's create thriving companies who can reward their employees with bonuses and other production-related incentives. This way pay is directly related to a business' ability to expand and the individual's contribution to that expansion.

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- **Tri-County Gun Club**, George Pitts, (503) 638-5084
 - These “give-a-ways” of private employers’ money is a totally unacceptable redistribution of wealth that will put Oregonians out of business and workers on the street.
- **Industrial Company**, Anonymous
 - “Beyond the damage created to business, and especially small business, this wave of costly new mandates threatens Oregon’s reputation as a business-friendly state. Companies planning to grow *here or move here may decide they and their jobs are better off in another state.*”

We ask that you oppose efforts to increase Oregon’s minimum wage further. Increases in the minimum wage would hurt local businesses, result in fewer businesses and jobs, and would not benefit our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Linda Moholt'.

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cc Senator Richard Devlin, Senator Ginny Burdick, Senator Kim Thatcher Representative Julie Parrish, Representative Ann Lininger, Representative John Davis, Representative Margaret Doherty