

Chairs and members of the Senate Workforce and House Business and Labor Committees,

I am in full support of the minimum wage increase to \$15.00. I work in a school district that is predominately low income demographics. I see first-hand how needy families are, their struggles to feed and clothe their children and supply basic school and home requirements.

Most of these families have two working parents and a minimum wage increase will go a long way to bettering those trying to earn a decent living wage.

A higher minimum wage will produce more tax revenue and benefit the economy. There is no way people can sustain a decent living on the current minimum wage. With the increase in costs for consumer goods and services, a higher wage will help support and benefit those currently living at poverty level. There are too many people struggling to make ends meet. One person cannot live independently on the current minimum wage, and those raising families struggle to support and provide for their children. A higher minimum wage should help relieve state-funded programs; it would also create better self-esteem for those that are struggling from pay check to pay check.

Please support SB 610 and HB 2009.

Thank you.

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