

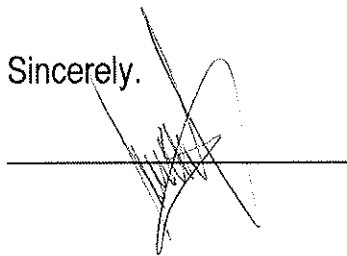
Dear legislators:

My name is Martinez Chavez Xochiquetzal I am a mother of a family, volunteer and member of Council Policy Program Head Start since 2012.

Most parents who attended are in the low income category, in most cases to have our small children, one parent only works while the other is responsible for the care of children is very difficult when the end of the month the parent who works hard earning only the minimum realizes that 60% -70% is for the payment of rent, 10% for the payment of light, 5% for payment of telephone, 15 -20% in gasoline, and what happens to feeding have to resort to the strength of SNAP and sometimes insufficient, the basic food stuffs have every day more high prices, our grocery shopping we have to play with prices and sometimes the products are not of the best quality, our children are eating fruits that are grown with many chemicals, why not have the economic solvency to purchase organic products. because the health of my children, for the health of us that we humans have to rely on a minimum wage? I think we live in a state with a great natural wealth, we are fortunate with all the resources provided by nature, also I think we should be more fair to the people who are part of it, .A minimum wage increase means better posibilidades that our family achieve the goal of having a home where our children can grow up healthy and grow some of our own food, the opportunity to save for a college education give our children the opportunity to have a better life as a family.

This is one of many situations that present the Head Start parents and do not believe to be the only really need a change and start thinking more about the future of our families, because in them is the future of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martinez Chavez Xochiquetzal', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat messy, with some ink bleeding through the line.