

April 13, 2015

To: Senate Workforce and House Business and Labor Committees
From: Mike Nagle, Owner, Uppercut Barbershop, The Dalles
Re: Support Raising the Oregon Minimum Wage

Dear Chairs Dembrow and Holvey and Committee Members,

I am the owner of Upper Cut Barber Shop in the Dalles and a Leadership Circle member of The Main Street Alliance of Oregon. **I, and The Main Street Alliance of Oregon, support raising the Oregon minimum wage.**

By raising the minimum wage, we increase the amount of funds injected into the local economy. This allows others to spend more money in their local shops; shops like mine. A rise in the minimum wage benefits my businesses, as much as it does my employees. It creates customers with more money to spend.

Labor is a business owner's most valuable resource. Employees who feel valued are more productive, stay longer, and present superior customer service. Treating employees well creates a thriving business, raising the minimum wage is a great way to show employees they are appreciated.

The opposition claims that higher minimum wage is bad for small businesses, but **the more people make the more people spend.** Simple as that.

Thank you for listening,
Mike Nagle
Uppercut Barbershop, The Dalles