

Dear Legislators,

I am deeply concerned that the introduction of these bills resulting in an increase in Oregon's minimum wage to a base of \$15.00 per hour would be detrimental to the small businesses of Oregon. Being a business banker at a bank with a diverse portfolio, I can easily tell you that this will stall our economic drive and would likely result in many businesses closing their doors for good. Additionally, numerous young adults looking to enter the workforce and put themselves through college won't have that opportunity and likely will turn to loans. I am proud that we already offer what is the second highest minimum wage in the United States and I truly hope you would consider a different approach to what you're trying to accomplish. After all, you'll just cost people their jobs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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