

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,

As a member of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce and a small business owner, I'm opposed to any more increases to the state's minimum wage.

I ask that you oppose efforts to increase Oregon's minimum wage further. Increases in the minimum wage would hurt not only my business but also other local businesses, resulting in fewer businesses and jobs, and would not benefit our state.

Because of the high minimum wage, I am unable to grow my business as I would like. If I am able to grow my business, I'd be able to start paying more than the minimum wage to my workers. But the reality is that I'm just surviving because I can't afford to hire enough workers to expand. It's a Catch 22.

With the minimum wage at \$9.25, my employees get to take home approximately \$7.10 an hr but I'm paying \$13.48 an hr which includes all the taxes.

Please do not vote for any more increases in the minimum wage.

Sincerely,

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