

I would like to have a moment of your time to share my perspective on the minimum wage increases being considered.

For background, I am a (very) small business owner in Roseburg Oregon since 2003, and also sit on the City Economic Development Commission <http://www.cityofroseburg.org/doing-business/economic-development/> as well as the County Partnership for Economic Development <http://www.uedpartnership.org/>

I feel that there is not enough good data on the effect that an increase to the minimum would have have on rural Oregon for this proposal to be considered.

Additionally, with one of the higher minimum wages in the Nation, I feel to increase it further would add to the economic woes of Rural Oregon. While the Metro area's have seen positive economic growth over the past few years, we are just beginning to see the same.

Please do not allow an increase to the minimum wage to further stifle our rural Oregon economies by putting us at further disadvantage to lower wage states as well as the pressure from global competitors.

-Tim Allen-