

Committee members,

I am concerned about any legislation that raises the minimum wage. It makes sense to me that raising the wage will put pressure on businesses that will limit growth and additional employment opportunities. It is very reasonable that it would result in a decrease in entry level jobs, and subsequently, the higher earning jobs that result from a growing business.

We need to grow the number of minimum wage jobs so that more people have the opportunity to work, and to gain the experience that is necessary to move up in the workforce. Everyone needs a place to start. Without a start, there is nowhere to go. We need to give people the opportunity to earn a higher wage, not just give it to them. That is the American Dream.

Please do not support raising the minimum wage.

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