

I am a dentist in Ontario Oregon. I have grown up in eastern Oregon and watch as our community has been decimated by policies set on the western side of the state that do not make sense for poor and rural areas like ours... Particularly as a border community with neighboring Idaho. I am friends with many people who own produce packing sheds or farm related businesses. They have made it clear to me they are moving to Idaho should this minimum wage increase become reality. This will absolutely be the deathknell to Eastern Oregon and Ontario in particular. I urge you to use some common sense when thinking about how this wage increase will impact the economics of your fellow Oregonians here in the eastern part of the state. I can promise you I will be one of those people and businesses moving to Idaho should this become reality.

Sincerely,

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