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RE: SB 1532

Please do not do something as foolish as pass this minimum wage increase bill. Not only is it an absurd increase percentage, but also it will not actually help.

If you raise wages across the board, then what do you think happens? Everyone making minimum wage ends up with more money, at the same proportion, and prices go up. But their buying power stays the same.

Simple economics.

You'll hurt small businesses and jobs will be lost. I'll never hire anyone again other than top of the line contractors, for starters, in my small business.

Sincerely, Caesara Brungraber Bend Oregon Resident