

February 1, 2016

House Committee on Business and Labor
Senate Workforce and General Government Committee
Salem, OR

Re: Minimum Wage Bills

To Whom It May Concern:

As a small business owner I am very concerned about the proposed minimum wage increase. My company competes with companies across the country. Working in a State with one of the highest minimum wages already creates a competitive disadvantage. Increasing the minimum wage to the proposed levels will result in our inability to retain existing business, acquire new business or even be given an opportunity for a proposal. Without a competitively priced service, I would be forced to lay off employees and close the business.

Please do not pass the minimum wage bills. It is currently difficult enough to be in business in Oregon. Don't make it any harder. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Jaischke
President/CEO