

I am writing to ask that you consider what increasing the minimum wage will do to small business, which is the back bone of our economy. We already struggle trying to compete with the internet and comply with all the other government regulations. Increasing the wage we need to pay our help will force us to increase our prices, cut the hours we can have hired help and may even force us out of business. Situated on the Idaho border puts us at a competitive disadvantage and we may have to sell out and move across the state line.

It is my understanding that the minimum wage was never intended to be a family wage but as an entry level to help employ young people for job experience or as supplement income for someone allowing them to work part time. Mandating a higher wage is more government overreach. Free enterprise, given a chance, will create a natural and healthier balance.

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