

Representatives,

I live in Mill City. If you don't know where this is, about 35 miles east of Salem. The city straddles the county line between Marion and Linn. For minimum wage plan presented it makes no difference, both sides are in the second tier.

From an economic standpoint we might as well be 100 miles from Salem. Unemployment in Mill City is 17%. Just a few miles down the road in Gates, unemployment is 28.2%.

By dividing the state into regions based on county line you are completely ignoring the urban/rural divide that existed within county lines. Salem and Albany are much better positioned to withstand the hardships than the rural communities that are less than an hour drive away.

I would ask that you consider this flaw when voting on 1532. Please vote No on 1532.

I know that a major concern is that you feel this is a glide path into a higher wage, rather than the potential ballot measures. Based on their own website, Oregon 15 Now will not settle for any less and will be placing this on the ballot measure regardless of whether you pass legislation. Please, don't make us fight on two fronts. Let it go to the ballot. I would rather fight this in the court of public opinion.

Thank you for your hard work at this often thankless job.

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