

As an Oregon small business owner, I cannot put into words the negative ripple effects increasing the minimum wage (Senate Bill 1532) would have on my business and our local economy. This increase will all but ensure that I terminate one of the three employees of this small business. Additionally, it will force me to take up more work on an already full plate. I will see my kids and my wife less and the quality of life that I have come to expect as an Oregon resident will be greatly impacted.

I understand that we need to address the wage issue, but this increase is too drastic. There has got to be a better compromise that can be more easily absorbed by the small business, small town economy.

Please vote NO on this increase!

Thank you.

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