


Oregon Rural Voices Coalition 
Oppose the Minimum Wage Hike to Support Rural Oregon!

From the Desk of
Senator
Bill Hansell

We own a small business and this is going to put financial burdens on us that are almost impossible. Please stop the increase. Save our community, and our state by standing up for rural America. –Ontario

I have children that are just entering the work force. Raising the minimum wage discourages employers from hiring our youth. We have to have entry wage jobs for these young people to learn how to work. –Dallas

We need government to understand OUR issues and represent U.S., not just the folks in the city. –Culver

Costs for the small farmer keep going up and up but the price we receive for our goods remain the same. If this continues, the small farmer will cease to exist. –Hubbard

Rural communities are suffering. They need help, not more harm. –Tualatin

The recent pushes to increase labor and transportation costs are not economically sustainable for rural Oregon. Proponents of these taxes are not just out of touch with rural Oregon, they are out of touch with reality. –Cove

Oregon cannot afford it! –The Dalles

Rural Oregonians are a treasure. We endure many hardships because of legislation that favors large cities and overlooks the unique value of country living. Businesses in Eastern Oregon will suffer greatly with the proposed 2016 short Session agenda being considered. –Cove

We need to be heard! –The Dalles

Farmers cannot compete with increased costs due to more regulation, this will truly put families out of business. Many people pride themselves on buying local, but that will be a thing of the past because there won't be any more local. –Oregon City

I want to employ more Oregonians. –Ontario

Oregon small businesses cannot stay in business when their costs continue to be arbitrarily increased by well-intentioned raises in wages when those small businesses cannot then arbitrarily raise the prices of the product they are producing. –Hood River

Our family has been farming in Oregon since 1895 and the last couple years of been some of the toughest years because the price for our crops continues to go down as trade increases with Mexico and the price to produce the crop goes up because of increase. –Gervais

I am tired of the west side of Oregon dictating how the east side does business when they have no knowledge or understanding of our issues. –Prineville

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My family, our livelihood and the livelihoods of our employees depend on and revolve around natural resources. We are not being heard, represented, or supported by the past and current policies that [the legislature] is pursuing. –Enterprise

People in Eastern Oregon work hard and are being pushed out by the government. Leave them alone to produce food for the people. –Whitter

Rural Oregon is critical to the future economic health and sustainability for all Oregon residents. The rest of Oregon must recognize this and provide the liberty and freedom for success. – Oregon City

While we are such a small portion of Oregon's population, our contribution to the economy of this state is very important. It's time that we work together to bring Oregon to a more business friendly state. –St. Paul

I live in a rural community and own an agricultural business. The mandates coming from Salem are killing an already depressed area and economy. Please represent ALL Oregonians! –Imbler

We need to be highly supportive of small businesses that struggle each year to be viable. As urban boundaries grow and urban legislation seeks to only protect those urban interests, we threaten the very livelihood and sustainability of our small community. –Beaverton

Small business cannot survive with all the added costs that people want to put on them. Jobs are leaving states that do this. –Shedd

Although I live in Portland, I recognize the importance of rural Oregon, and I do not support policies that impose unreasonable burdens on rural residents and their livelihoods. –Portland

174. Rural Oregon is being squashed with big city government! We cannot be expected to live under laws that do not protect us, serve us, or make us happy! –Hines

Our voice, interests, and opinions have been drowned by those with no interest in our way of life, business, economy and ecology. –Enterprise

The Rural Voices Coalition advocates for sound policies that support rural communities, people and businesses. We oppose policies that discriminate to benefit urban political interests at the expense of rural Oregonians.

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