



Joey's Restaurant Group operates 3 restaurants in Connecticut, Joey Garlic's in Newington and Farmington and Joey's Pizza Pie in West Hartford and we oppose HB 5291. Using our Newington restaurant as an example a \$4.06 per hour increase of server wages would cost the restaurant \$2,972 per week. (732 server hours) This equals an annual increase of \$154,000 which represents a significant increase in costs. With the current server wage of \$5.69 servers average between \$15 to \$20 per hour, a desirable wage for any industry. Considering today's economic climate it would be impossible to absorb this increase without raising our prices and cutting jobs. I hope the labor committee will reject this proposal.

Anthony Sullo

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