

HB5291

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Dear Mr. Haddad,

I would like to propose a law that raises minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$10.00 an hour. I think this would encourage more people to find jobs, and increase the number of jobs on the market. This would also allow people to make more money that receive minimum wage, so they can buy necessary items.

First, raising the minimum wage to ten dollars would encourage people to find jobs. I think it would do this because more and more people would discontinue receiving welfare, as they would be making more money a month than ever. They could buy more needed things and help them to be more comfortable with where the place there money. Whether their money is in a bank account or on a debit card. It will also help people who are out of collage who make minimum wage at a restaurant or some other place to pay off the debt that they owe from student

loans. I know from experience that if you want a graduate degree it will cost a lot, close to one hundred thousand dollars, to go to college for the number of years that is required to achieve this. When you get this, however, you have the ability to apply for a nicer job, and maybe not make minimum wage, but the possibility of doing that is way unlikely in this economy, you would have to make at least ten dollars an hour to pay for that. And that is what you want, right people to be well educated. Well people won't apply themselves to get their graduate degree if the only thing they know that will come out of it is a huge amount of student loans, and they will take about 30 years to pay off with minimum wage. People are not going to buy that.

Second, raising the minimum wage will also help increase the amount of jobs on the market. I know that you are concerned with unemployment. By increasing the minimum wage, you can create more jobs, which allows unemployment to drop. This would help the economic reform get its head of steam, and it would also help the small business owner to get more people for the profession, as people are coming out of college and are looking for jobs. They will work for minimum wage, and if it is ten dollars an hour, than more will be able to have jobs. That being said, you can also increase the minimum wage and you can help the average consumer get more for their money. This will increase the amount of money

earned, and can help them maintain a balanced budget between paying taxes, paying off the house, paying off that new car, and paying off the credit card. This can also make the lower class happier because they can make more money and may even eliminate the lower class all together. This will benefit us because then Connecticut will be a lot less expensive place to live. For example my grandpa who lives in North Carolina, he pays the same amount of money for his house, but his house is twice the size of ours. Isn't there something wrong with that picture? I mean people are even moving away from Connecticut, like Dante Salina. He moved down to North Carolina so he could benefit from the thriving economy down there, instead of here.

Finally, increasing the minimum wage will allow people to make those necessary purchases. If people are not able to make these purchases, which could be as simple as food and water, they could have to be in debt or even worse declare bankruptcy. This would mean that some students could not go on the Sturbridge Village trip in sixth grade and further their knowledge on that time period. I am aware that there is a student activity form that puts some students through the trip, but what if too many are not able to afford the trip because they cannot even buy simple things like food and water on a regular basis, because they make minimum wage. These are just some of the things that could happen if the minimum

wage is not moved to ten dollars an hour. Also, if parents cannot make payments such as a doctor bill, a chiropractor, then these small businesses will eventually go out of business. And then the economy will be even worse.

In conclusion, I think that the minimum wage should be raised to ten dollars. This would encourage more people to find jobs, and increase the number of jobs on the market. This would also allow people to make more money that receive minimum wage, so they can buy necessary items. I hope you side with me and change the minimum wage.