

## VanSambeck, Mike

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**From:** Mark <markd@gatewaylimos.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2013 7:50 PM  
**To:** VanSambeck, Mike  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 387

Dear Members of The Labor & Public Employee Committee,

I am an employer and small business owner in the city of Waterbury for the past 24 years providing 36 jobs to the local economy.

Over the past 5 years my company has been faced with many economic challenges from the recession and lack of a recovery.

Raising the minimum wage at this time in this economy will present another hardship on my firm and many companies of similar size.

We have struggled to maintain the numbers in our current work force, without layoffs.

Raising the minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour will increase my annual payroll by roughly \$56,100.00

This will just not be an increase that my company can sustain.

I strongly oppose this bill and encourage this committee to reject this bill, and preserve the precious jobs that we currently have in CT.

Passage of this bill will send a clear message to current small business in CT. If you own a firm move it, if you are considering relocating to CT. find some place else this state s not a business friendly state.

I remind you that small business is the engine that drives the economy.

**DON" T KILL THE ENGINE**

Respectfully

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