

Senator Cassano,

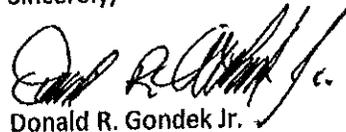
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As a lifelong resident of Glastonbury and a self employed Painting Contractor working in CT for the last 30 years, I believe the present minimum wage should be raised to help families keep up with today's higher cost of living. As a business owner I also believe that I am being penalized and discouraged from future hiring because rates being raised on my business for unemployment, and extended over and over. Also I don't want to hire employees because of high workman's Compensation rates. These are huge issues with many other contractors I work with. Please call me at 860-922-0424, I would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Gondek Jr.", written over a printed name.

Donald R. Gondek Jr.

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