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To: LABTestimony
Subject: Support SB32

Please support bill SB32 and raise the minimum wage in Connecticut. Pass bill SB32.

When I was in high school I worked for minimum wage making \$4.50 an hour. During that time I used my wages for spending money. I can't imagine having to support myself off of that wage let alone a family. While today's state minimum wage is \$8.70 an hour, it is still not enough to adequately support a family. Today's minimum wage doesn't account for inflation and increases in the cost of living.

I believe our state legislatures need to raise the minimum wage for the following reasons:

- *You need to make \$21.60 per hour to afford a 2-bedroom apartment in Connecticut.
- *At \$10.10 an hour working full time, a worker would make just \$20,200 a year.
- *The Federal Poverty rate for a family of 4 is \$23,550.
- *President Obama has called for an increase in the federal minimum wage to \$10.10, but it is unlikely to become law because of the incredible gridlock in Congress.

I'm proud of the fact that I live in one of the nation's progressive states and don't believe that Connecticut should wait for Congress, let's be a leader and raise the minimum wage for Connecticut residents. In the long-run private citizens and business will benefit.

Sincerely,
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