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I support a raise in the minimum wage. Single disabled mother unemployed, with two grown son studying in community college to filled their goals looking for a job is impossible for today's minimum wage to some we can't afford even to pay our expenses we owe,trying to keep paying our bills. $7.25 an hr part time was impossible for me for caring my two sons to make our lives has becoming more difficult. Nearly 3 years I am without work. Manage to deal the very little expenses even my benefits were cut off. My family do not owe a car, even a house. There are times I have a tremendous amount of concerns what will be on the table to take away what we can not afford.. Food and utilities are on the rise. I find it impossible to look for jobs even for my sons are still looking without giving up. I will really want to work and support my family to enrichment our lives for a better living than struggling. I have friends that are in the same boat, struggling without or little work whom have children as well. Raising a minimum wage is good to boost our economy and it helps to afford the things we need and spend for something that is really important for our expenses. Then Americans will be back on the track and bring back jobs and educations if we would have been productivity the minimum wage would be much higher than half of $10.72 we would been in an excellent shape in our country's economy. For my sons, their gap generation is more likely to suffer at this moment. I would not want my sons to have lack of opportunity for their future. Our country needs to shape up and bring back our jobs to boost our economy it is good for USA. Raise the minimum wage will make our country a better place, Connecticut do not wait for Congress so we don't have to suffer poverty in our country.

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