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I strongly support a raise in the minimum wage.

If it had kept up with worker productivity over the last forty years, it would be currently \$21.72, only a little more than one would need to make an hour - \$21.60 - to be able to afford a two-bedroom apartment in Connecticut. As it stands, workers are not making even half that, which leaves them, and their families, unable to afford the basics and survive.

Only raising the minimum wage will put more money in the pockets of workers who will spend that extra money in their communities and thereby benefit the economy in the long run. Connecticut should pass a state-wide raise in the minimum wage; the state, and it's workers, can't afford to wait for Congress.

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