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I support a raise in the minimum wage.

- Raising the minimum wage is good for the economy because it puts more money in the pockets of workers who will spend that extra money in their communities.
- Anyone who works should be able to afford the basics, but workers can't survive on the current minimum wage.
- If the minimum wage had kept up with inflation over the past 40 years, it would be \$10.74 today.
- If the minimum wage had kept up with worker productivity over the past 40 years, it would be \$21.72.
- 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.
- Connecticut shouldn't wait for Congress, it should pass a state-wide raise in the minimum wage.

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