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**To:** LABTestimony  
**Subject:** do not raise the minimum wage

Please reconsider the proposed minimum wage bill.

I have a small retail business in southern Connecticut, and we employ approximately 55 people, of which several are now part time so we can stay under the 50 employee ACA threshold.

The minimum wage, as it presently stands allows us to hire several entry level employees and let them gain the skills necessary to compete in the employment arena. Many stay on with us, at an increased wage, and we have many employees that have now been with us more than 10 years, earning a very competitive salary.

The unskilled worker needs an opportunity to get the first employment position, and you will be depriving them that chance if it becomes more difficult on small businesses. Business in Connecticut is already very difficult, please do not add to the burden.

Also, because the state needs to generate additional revenue, please enact a state sales tax on all internet/out of state sales. The state is leaving millions of dollars on the table, while at the same time, creating an unequal playing field for the brick and mortar store.

Thank you

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