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I support a raise in the minimum wage. it is hard to find full time work and I have looked for 4 years. A college degree doesn't help, businesses don't want to pay a fair wage and are looking for less expensive worker - that is why I was laid off. Working at minimum wage, one third of what I made working pary-time, means I have to work more hours, and still be at home for my children. Today's reality is that my husband expects me to work full time or how can we afford to stay on top of the bills, send our children to college or ever retire? I feel that I am making less now than when I graduated from college almost 25 years ago and I am suppose to feel grateful that we live pay check to paycheck, because I am lucky to have a paycheck, however small it is? When do I have a right to expect more than just getting by?

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