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Subject: Please Support SB32 - Increased minimum wage

I support a raise in the minimum wage. People who work low wage jobs need to spend all the money they earn for housing, food, clothes, and other basic necessities. Their spending will help our CT economy. Rich people, like the people across from me who own several McDonald's on the Post Rd., invest their money in stocks, which doesn't help the local economy. They also don't pay very much tax, because they can claim losses against their gains. Even their income isn't taxed as much as the earnings of low wage people.

Therefore, a higher minimum wage helps the local economy and CT tax revenues, in addition to being the right thing to do for people who work very hard. Many of my son's group home staff work two and some even work 3 jobs to make ends meet. That is VERY hard work - I couldn't do it, and I'll bet you couldn't either. Yet they earn so little, and have very little time for their own families.

Please support SB32 to increase the minimum wage.

Thank you.

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