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**Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Committee**

Labor and Public Employees Committee
Room 3800, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Testimony on S.B. 32-An Act Concerning Working Families' Wages

Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee:

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce is opposed to S.B. 32-An Act Concerning Working Families' Wages.

This organization believes that any increase to the minimum wage would send the wrong message to the business community, and would further deter any out of state business that might be considering relocation. Increasing the minimum wage in Connecticut to the highest in the country would only add to our state's reputation as a high cost state.

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, a business organization with over 2,350 members that employ over 50,000 people, urges rejection of S.B. 32.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue.

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