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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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