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Subject: I support One Fair Wage!

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Dear Most Honored Committee, I support One Fair Wage in CT because what I'd like more than anything is to make a wage that my children and I can depend on. I proudly work in the restaurant industry, and I appreciate every tip that I receive from every customer, but I strongly disagree with anyone who believes that I should depend on my customers for my wages. The current tipped minimum wage of \$5.78 in Connecticut isn't enough. The 57,000 tipped workers in this state -- myself included -- need a raise. Thank you for your time and I look forward to congratulating you for passing this legislation soon!

Maybe Blanche DuBois could depend on the kindness of strangers, but 57,000 workers in your state, let alone the millions of others across the country, should not have to do so.

They work hard, yet live in poverty.

This disgrace must end.

Fortunately, you have the ability to do something about it,

Sincerely,

Beth Birnbaum