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Thank you Sen. Gomes, Rep. Tercyak, and members of the Labor and Public employees committee for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of **H.B. 5370: "An Act Increasing the Minimum Fair Wage"**.

If enacted, this bill would raise the minimum wage in phases over 6 years to \$15 an hour in January 2022. Under current law, the minimum wage is \$9.60 with an increase to \$10.10 scheduled for 2017. In Connecticut, a full time minimum wage worker that takes no time off earns less than \$20,000 a year. That's below the federal poverty level for a family of 3. No individual or family should work 40 plus hours a week and live in poverty.

Moreover, a fair wage is the right thing to do for workers and an important step toward creating an economy that works for everyone.

I urge the committee's favorable action on this bill.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

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