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To: LABTestimony
Cc: Sen. Logan, George; joann@cfba.org; zRepresentative Lezlye Zupkus
Subject: Letter concerning labor wage proposal

Hello,

My name is Lars Demander and I am writing you from Clover Nook Farm located in Bethany, CT. Our farm is a seasonal fresh market retail produce operation.

I am writing in concern of the current proposal regarding increasing the minimum wage to \$15/hr. This increase would have a tremendous negative impact on our business. Being a business that relies on a large amount of unskilled labor, labor is already our leading business expense. Increasing the wage to \$15 would undoubtedly result in us having to cut back on the labor we use and scale back our operation.

Currently we employ 9-12 seasonal workers each year. Many of our employees are students looking for summer work, and in many cases is their first job. Opportunities for young people to find their first job while in high school/ college are becoming increasingly scarce. If the minimum wage were increased by this substantial amount, we would not be able to offer as many job openings as we do.

In conclusion, not only would this negatively impact our family's business, but also the local youth looking to get their first job and enter the workforce.

Thank you for your time,

Lars

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