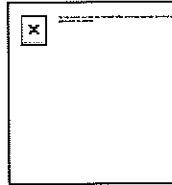


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Labor & Public Employees Committee
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SB 2 An Act Increasing the Minimum Fair Wage
HB 5004 An Act Increasing the Minimum Fair Wage

Good afternoon Senator Kushner, Representative Porter and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. My name is Ezra Karprov and I live in East Hartford. I volunteer as an organizer with the Central Connecticut chapter of Democratic Socialists of America. I am here today to testify in favor of SB 2 An Act Increasing the Minimum Fair Wage and HB 5004 An Act Raising the Minimum Fair Wage.

Central CT DSA is the largest Connecticut chapter of Democratic Socialists. We know that Connecticut is the richest state in the world's richest country, as well as one of the most unequal places in America. We believe that the only way ordinary people can achieve genuine freedom by building an organized, multiracial, working-class majority capable of confronting the ruling class and developing collective power in the workplace, our communities, and our state. We believe that all workers deserve a living wage.

Raising the minimum wage would have a positive impact on workers around the state, particularly workers of color and women, who are overrepresented in low-wage work. Working families in Connecticut can not afford to live on \$10.10 per hour. The living wage, which is the cost of a basic standard of living, is currently \$19.08 for a single adult in 2019, and over \$40 per hour for a single parent with two children. Phasing in a raise to even \$15 will make a tremendous difference for many workers in Connecticut.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I ask you to support workers by passing SB 2 and HB 5004. Thank you.



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