

Labor and Public Employees Committee
S.B. 1 and H.B. An Act Increasing the Minimum Fair Wage

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My name is Sally Grossman and I'm from Windsor. I'm offering testimony in strong support of S.B. 1 and H.B. 5004, An Act Increasing the Minimum Fair Wage.

I am painting contractor in the construction industry and own my own small business. When I hire people, I start them off at \$15/hr even with zero experience in construction. If a company's business model does not allow them to pay their employees a livable wage, then they need a new business model. There is no way to support yourself, let alone a family, earning minimum wage, especially in Connecticut. It's way past time to raise the minimum wage and create better economic opportunities for workers in Connecticut.

Thank you.