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Please do not support raising the minimum wage. The minimum wage was never expected to provide a "living wage". It is designed to provide low-paying, entry level jobs that give young workers a way to gain work experience that they can use to gain better paying jobs, and allow small businesses that rely on cheap labor to stay in business. If adults with families stay in minimum wage jobs, the state and local communities end up paying more in subsidies than the taxes paid from the minimum wage job, making for an overall loss for the community. Please focus your efforts on job training for higher paying positions that people in minimum wage positions can aspire to that improve their economic status in a real and fulfilling manner. Trying to allow them to support themselves and their families with minimum wage jobs is a hopeless situation that can only lead to generational poverty. Let's give these families a shot at real improvement in their lives, not consigning them to the bottom rung of our employment ladder!

Sincerely,  
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