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Bill HB 5004, as proposed, is grossly inadequate to achieve its stated purpose of providing more economic security. Living wage hourly rates have been thoroughly studied for many years. The former Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) did their last Self Sufficiency Standard study in 2015. Even then, almost four years ago, 23 towns and cities in Fairfield County (the most - if not one of the most populous counties in Connecticut) were, determined to require a single person to earn an hourly rate in excess of \$15.00 to simply achieve self-sufficiency. The study showed that as soon as a family size exceeded one person, vast numbers of Connecticut communities would have required an hourly wage well in excess of \$15.00 just to hit a self sufficiency level - not modest affluence or wealth. Again, that study was done almost four years ago ! This new proposed law, HB 5004, would not mandate a \$15.00 per hour rate until 2022. Given what we already know, by the year 2022 that proposed \$15.00 hourly rate would be hopelessly obsolete in most communities of our state - especially for those with even a single child.

It's time to get real on wages and set an hourly rate that is more reflective of the true needs of Connecticut's residents.

Respectfully,
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