Co-Chairs Kushner and Porter, Vice-Chairs, Ranking Members and Distinguished Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee:

Re: H.B. 5004, AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE S.B. 2, AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE

I am writing today in SUPPORT of both these bills, H.B. 5004 and S.B. 2, both acts increasing the fair minimum wage.

We have appalling inequality in our state. One mechanism to address this is by increasing the minimum wage to a level that can at least support an individual, though a level that can support a family would be better. Raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour for all workers (not just those above 18) would provide a more livable wage. This would reduce the pressure on social safety net programs that are now filling in the gaps and move us closer to an equitable society.

Please support H.B. 5004 and S.B. 2.

Thank you,

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