

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing you about the important - and complex question of minimum wage considerations.

****On the one hand, life is becoming more expensive, and the Federal minimum wage is not really sufficient for many to pay their bills.**

****On the other hand, small and family businesses in our state are already struggling - and closing, because of high costs and dealing with the pandemic as well.**

****What to do? I suggest that:**

1. More support be provided to small businesses so that they can both remain open and pay reasonable wages.

2. Differing (less) taxes and maybe wage requirements be considered for the small & family businesses than those imposed on large corporate entitites.

(Note: Such as Walmart, Stop & Shop etc. are not about to close down because of a reasonable rise in worker wages)

Please seriously consider these concerns.

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