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ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES {LC625/1} (Gradually increases the minimum wage from eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) per hour to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour, over a four (4) year period.)

For

I believe that raising the minimum wage to \$15 in the state of Rhode Island would benefit those that are not able to receive the proper education in order to have a stable income. We should not discriminate against those who are not able to receive a higher education by forcing them to have to live with lower income. Lower income for families leads to having to sacrifice necessities in order to maintain a stable income. I also believe that this minimum wage adjustment should be done over a quicker period of time, maybe two or three years rather than four years. I have witnessed others around me have their families be affected by living on the current minimum wage. The stories I have heard about how my friends weren't able to eat dinner because their families couldn't afford it. The faster, and more efficiently we can roll out the \$15 minimum wage, the more families will not have to worry about whether they have to choose between food, clothes, gas, school materials, etc.