

March 27, 2024

The Honorable Arthur J. Corvese
Chairman, House Committee on Labor
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: *Opposition to H 7531*

Chairman Corvese and Members of the House Labor Committee,
I am an owner/waitress of the Boathouse Restaurant in Tiverton, Part of a whole named the Newport Restaurant Group.

I am opposed to H 7531, which would cripple my future. Also cripple my family and the structure of life.

I have been in this business for over 46 years and ready to retire within 6 years. I will be struggling as I approach the later years of my carrier if this bill is passed. Getting older gets harder. Less income strangles life and time.

I make over \$45.00 an hour on an average before taxes and health care, some fellow workers make even more. Some fellow workers have young children to feed and raise. This would be horrible for all of us!

I have quality of like as I work 30-40hrs a week, . With this bill I will be struggling as I stay above poverty status. I will have to get another job to make ends meet. I will run my health to the ground and thats not what I want. Old and sick, poor and financially unstable.

No tipped worker ever makes less than the minimum wage for any hour worked. Survival is not \$15.00 an hour. Our menu prices will increase to sustain our income and may even impliment service fees. Guest will stray away and we will be in trouble. I will be in a bad position and so will my co-workers.

I am begging you to please, please for the betterment of our business and profession, STOP this from passing.

Sincerely,
Nancy L Crowther
Owner Newport Restaurant Group
Rhode Island