

Dear Representative Guy Travaglio

Please raise the minimum wage now! Raising the minimum wage will help almost 1/2 million minimum wage workers. No step is more important for the state's lowest paid workers. Raising the minimum wage will also stimulate local economic growth. Last year the State House voted to raise the minimum wage by a vote of 166 to 23.

Please raise the minimum wage now.

Thank You,



Name Dolores Merkner

Address [REDACTED]

Butler, PA Zip 16002

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PLEASE RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE NOW!

- Minimum wage has been frozen at \$5.15 since 1997.
- Minimum wage is below poverty for a family of three.
- Eight states have already raised their minimum wage above \$5.15.
- 40% of minimum wage earners are sole breadwinners in the family.
- Studies show no job loss when the minimum wage is raised; possible gains in jobs.



Hon. *Guy Travaglio*
PA House of Representatives
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Larry Kriess

Butler PA 16001

Dear Mr. Kriess:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your support for raising Pennsylvania's minimum wage. As your state representative, I am dedicated to always helping the good citizens of our district.

As I hope you know, I have been working hard with members of the House Democratic Caucus to ensure that Pennsylvania's working families receive a more livable wage. As you may know, Pennsylvania's minimum wage has not functioned as a living wage since the 1980's. It is time that Pennsylvania joins the growing list of states that have enacted minimum wage rates above the federal level. In an effort to correct this inequity, I have joined my colleagues in cosponsoring House Bills 727 and 1092.

At this writing, both House Bills 727 and 1092 are being studied by the House Labor Relations Committee. They currently await approval by that committee. Please know, should either of these bills come before the full House of Representatives for a vote, I will continue to voice my support for their passage.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to convey to me your stance on this issue. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Guy A. Travaglio, Jr.".

GUY A. TRAVAGLIO, JR.
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May 17, 2001

The Honorable Guy A. Travaglio
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RE: Increase the Minimum Wage

Dear Representative Travaglio:

Since 1997 when the minimum wage was increased to \$5.15 an hour; there have been several corporate tax cuts in the State of Pennsylvania and talk of a huge tax cut in Washington, DC. The logic seems to be that by putting more money in the hands of the wealthy, the government is stimulating the economy by freeing up funds for investment on Wall Street.

I would like to strongly suggest that by increasing the minimum wage by at least \$1.50 over 30 months, we can stimulate the economy by putting money in the hands of people who will spend it on Main Street. For the over 24,000 members that I represent, that's where the jobs are created.

Lower wageworkers spend a higher proportion of their wages on the necessities that are made and sold in communities across the Commonwealth. More production and greater sales will produce more jobs in Pennsylvania's retail and food processing industries where most of my members work. More jobs will mean more income to spend, which will continue to benefit all Pennsylvania companies including the small businesses that our Main Streets depend on.



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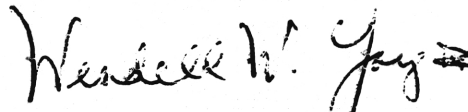
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Now is the time to raise the minimum wage in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

U.F.C.W. Local 1776

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendell W. Young, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Wendell W. Young, III
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