

Support a clean vote on an increase in the minimum wage
An open letter to the U.S. Senate

December 20, 2006

U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators:

We, the undersigned organizations, write to urge the Senate to support a clean vote on a fair increase in the minimum wage. We strongly support the Fair Minimum Wage Act, which would raise the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour, and we oppose any attempts to add additional provisions *of any kind* to this important bill. Instead, we urge prompt passage of the Fair Minimum Wage Act when the new Congress convenes in January.

As organizations actively engaged in state and national efforts to support low-income working families, we have been fighting for a fair increase in the federal minimum wage for almost a decade. During this time, we have seen numerous attempts to attach unrelated legislation to minimum wage proposals, often to the detriment of the very workers a minimum wage increase is intended to help. We have seen proposals to roll back workers' overtime protections, and proposals to tie the minimum wage to a partial repeal of the estate tax. We understand that discussions are underway to include tax breaks for small businesses in a minimum wage bill, or to amend the minimum wage bill with a controversial proposal that would jeopardize affordable health care coverage for working families.

We oppose these and all other attempts to derail a clean minimum wage bill. To be perfectly clear, we view any attempt to modify or amend a clean minimum wage bill as a poison pill, and we strongly encourage any Senator who supports the minimum wage to vote against such a proposal.

The American people have made their views clear on the minimum wage. With strong victories on all six minimum wage ballot initiatives, and strong support for candidates campaigning on the minimum wage, the American people sent a strong message this year that hardworking people have waited long enough for a higher minimum wage.

We thank all Senators who have continued to vote for a fair increase in the minimum wage, and to oppose irresponsible anti-worker add-ons. We will stand with you as we continue to fight for a real minimum wage increase that benefits all low-wage workers.

Sincerely,

National signers

ACORN

AFL-CIO

Alliance for Healthy Homes

American Association of University Women

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE)

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

American Friends Service Committee

Americans for Democratic Action, Inc.

American Rights at Work

Applied Research Center

Bread for the City

Bread for the World

Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law

Campaign for America's Future

Center for American Progress

Center for Community Change

Change to Win

Citizens for Tax Justice

Coalition on Human Needs

International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Migrant Legal Action Program

9 to 5, National Association of Working Women

National Association of Social Workers

National Community Action Foundation

National Community Reinvestment Committee

National Consumer Law Center

National Council of Jewish Women

National Council of La Raza

National Council of Negro Women

NEA - National Education Association

National Immigration Law Center

National Low Income Housing Coalition

National Organization for Women

National Partnership for Women and Families

National Priorities Project

OMB Watch

Protestants for the Common Good

Responsible Wealth

RESULTS

Service Employees International Union

Sojourners/Call to Renewal

The Arc of the United States

Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalism Association of Congregations
UNITE HERE
United American Nurses, AFL-CIO
United Cerebral Palsy
United Church of Christ Justice & Witness Ministries
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
United Methodist Church
United for a Fair Economy
United Steelworkers (USW)
USAction

All signers

9to5 Bay Area	Children
9to5 Colorado	Avoyelles Progress Action Committee, Inc.
9to5 Poverty Network Initiative	Bay Ridge Community Services Center
9to5, National Association of Working Women	Beginning Bridge CDC Outreach Program
ACORN	Benton Franklin Access to Care
Action for Children North Carolina	Bergen County Central Trades and Labor
Action NOW!	Council, AFL-CIO
AFL-CIO	Bethel New Life, Inc.
Affordable Housing Activists of DC	Bethlehem Haven
Affordable Housing Management Association of	Beyond Shelter
WA	Bloomfield College
Agenda for Children	Brain Injury Association
AIDS Survival Project	Brain Injury Association of America
Alabama Arise	Brazos Valley Community Action, Inc.
Alaska Center for Public Policy	Bread for the City
Alex D. Chapman, Jr. Atty. at Law	Bread for the World
Alliance for Healthy Homes	Brethren Housing Association
Ama Doo Alchini Bighan, Inc.	Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation
American Association of University Women	BROC - Community Action in Southwestern VT
American Federation of State, County and	Bucks County Housing Group
Municipal Employees (AFSCME)	Building Strong Families Foundation
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)	BUMC Head Start
American Rights at Work	Calabash Associates of the Franciscan Sisters of
Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center	Allegany
Applied Research center	California Food Policy Advocates
Archdiocese of Saint Louis-Human Rights Office	California Partnership
Arizona Advocacy Network	Call to Renewal of Summit County
Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness	Campaign for Working Families
Arizona Community Action Association	Capital Area Asset Building Corporation
Arkansas Hunger Coalition	Carolynns Montessori for Toddlers
Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance	Catholic Caucus Southeast Michigan
ASSIST Agency	Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg
Associates of the Incarnate Word	Center for Civil Justice
Atlanta 9to5	Center for Community Change
Augustinian Friars	Center for Economic Progress
Austin Association for the Education of Young	Center for Independent Living of South Florida

Center for Independent Loving Options
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Center for Peace and Life Studies
Center for People in Need
Center for Women Policy Studies
Change to Win
Charleston Housing
Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corporation
Chicago DSA
Chicago Jobs Council
Child Care Council of Suffolk
Child Care Council of Suffolk, Inc.
Child Welfare League of America
Children's Alliance
Children's Sentinel Nutrition Assessment Program
Christian Community Action Advocacy and Education Project Mothers for Justice
Citizen Action of Illinois
Citizen Action of New York
Citizen Action of Wisconsin
Claiborne Public Transit
CLT-Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet
Coalition For Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
Coalition for Women's Economic Justice
Coalition of Religious Communities (Utah)
Coalition on Human Needs
Coastal Community Action, Inc.
Collaborative Center for Justice
Colorado Anti-Hunger Network
Colorado Center on Law and Policy
Colorado Children's Campaign
Colorado Community Action Association
Colorado Progressive Action
Colorado Progressive Coalition
Comite NO NOS VAMOS!
Common Ground Sanctuary
Community Action Directors of Oregon
Community Action New Mexico
Community Action Partnership
Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS of EASTERN CENTRAL OREGON
Community Action Region VI
Community Against Violence, Inc.
Community Assistance Network (CAN)
Community Connections
Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project (CHAMP)
Community Power Network of NYS, Inc.
Community Services Agency of South Texas Inc.
Community Women Against Hardship
Community Works West
Community, Faith & Labor Coalition
Connecticut Citizens Action Group
Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.
Connie Hogarth Center for Social Action
Cornerstone Services, Inc.
Cornucopia Community Advocates
Council for the Homeless
Covenant House New Jersey
Crater AIDS Action Program
Creative Image & Data Design
Creative Solutions
Crowley's Ridge Development Council
Daughters of Charity-Dallas, Texas
Deborahsplace
DeBruler, Inc.
Delaware Alliance for Health Care
Digital Promise
Diocesan Council of Women Religious
Direct Action Welfare Group (DAWG)
Diversity Talent Services, LLC
Dominican Sisters of Houston
Do'Wizard Multimedia & Designs
East Central Ministries
Eastern Montgomery County Action
El Pueblo, Inc.
Ellis County American Red Cross
Emily Christensen Calligraphy and Design
End Childhood Hunger and Poverty
Episcopal Community Services
Evangelical & Ecumenical Women's Caucus
Fair Food New York City
Family & Children's Services
Family Care Council Area 8
Family Promise of Gwinnett County
Family Services of Westchester, Head Start/Early Head Start/Prime Time programs
Feed My People
Feminist Majority Foundation
Fields Forever
First Church of the Brethren
First Congregational Church San Francisco
First Management Company
First State Community Action Agency, Inc.
Fiscal Policy Institute
FLOC - For Love Of Children
Florida Association for Community Action, Inc.
Florida Consumer Action Network
Florida Impact

FOCUS

Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano
Foodlink, Inc
For the people, by the people
Fort Hays State University
Foster Family-based Treatment Association
Franciscan Sisters Justice, Peace & Integrity of
Creation Advisory Committee
Friends Committee on National Legislation
GA Task Force for the Homeless
Georgia Coalition to End Homelessness
Georgia Rural Urban Summit
Georgia Women Work!
Grassroots Leadership Network of Marin
GT&Associates
Gubb & Barshay LLP
Hamilton Living Water Ministry, Inc.
Hard Hatted Women
Harvest Home Lutheran Church
Health Care Center for the Homeless
Health Ministry, Calvary St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human
Rights
HELP-New Mexico, Inc
Holland House Church
Homeless Advocate and FQHC Board of
Directors
Homeless Children's Playtime Project, Inc.
Housing Authority of Okanogan County
Housing Counseling And Relocation Services
Corporation
Hug N Luv Child Care
Human Services Coalition
Human Services Coalition of Oregon
Humble Beginnings childcare
Hunger Action Network of New York State
Hunger Solutions-Minnesota
Hunger Task Force (Milwaukee)
IBEW Local 340
Idaho Community Action Network
Idaho Head Start Association
Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition
Illinois Support, Training & Employment
Independent Living Center of the North Shore
and Cape Ann, Inc.
Institute of Human Services
Integrity
Intercommunity Housing Association
Interfaith Worker Justice
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
InterReligious Council of Central New York

Iowa Citizen Action Network
Island Harvest
Jefferson Unitarian Church
Juniper Tree Pastoral Counseling Center
Just Economics
Just Harvest, a Center for Action Against
Hunger
Justice Committee, Congregation of St. Joseph,
Cleveland
Kansas City Progressive Voter Coalition
Kansas National Organization for Women
Kids Northwest
King of Glory Lutheran Church
L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center
Lafayette Urban Ministry
LaSalle Community Action Assn., Inc.
Leadership for America's Children & Families
Living Room, Inc.
Lloyd Presbyterian Church
Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger &
Homelessness
Lower East Side Family Union
Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin
LYRIC
MAAC Project
Maine People's Alliance
Maine Women's Lobby
Manna Food Center
Marianist Province of the US Office of Peace and
Justice
Mary Immaculate Hospital
Maryland Women Work!
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee
Advocacy Coalition
McCreight Adventures
Medical Mission Sisters
Mendocino County WIC Program
Mennonite Central Committee -Wash., DC
Mental Health Association of Washington
MercerNJ MoveOn
Methodist Federation for Social Action,
California-Pacific Chapter
Metro CareRing
MHA in Monongalia County
Michigan Citizen Action
Michigan Coalition to End Homelessness
Migrant Legal Action Program
Migration and Refugee Services Diocese of
Trenton
Miryam's
Missouri Association for Social Welfare
Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition

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Mitchell YWCA
MN AFL-CIO
MO Head Start Association
Monday Morning Advocacy Network Of
Middlesex County
Monday Morning Project Hudson County
Network
Montana Food Bank Network
Mount St Joseph-St Elizabeth
Mountain State Parents CAN
N.C. Community Action Association
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the
Good Shepherd
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Asian Pacific American Women's
Forum
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of Social Workers,
Alabama Chapter
National Association of Social Workers,
Delaware Chapter
National Association of Social Workers, Maine
Chapter
National Association of Social Workers,
Connecticut Chapter
National Association of Social Workers, Georgia
Chapter
National Association of Social Workers,
Massachusetts Chapter
National Association of Social Workers,
Maryland Chapter
National Association of Social Workers, Nevada
Chapter
National Association of Social Workers, Oregon
Chapter
National Association of Social Workers, Rhode
Island Chapter
National Association of Social Workers, West
Virginia Chapter
National Center for Law and Economic Justice
National Community Action Foundation
National Consumer Law Center, on behalf of its
low-income clients
National Council for Research on Women
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Jewish Women - PA
National Council of Jewish Women, Virginia
State Public Affairs
National Council of Jewish Women, California
State Public Affairs
National Council of Jewish Women, Connecticut
National Council of Jewish Women, Greater

Detroit Section
National Council of Jewish Women, MN State
Public Affairs
National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode
Island State Public Affairs chair
National Council of Jewish Women, Texas State
Public Affairs
National Council of Jewish Women, Illinois
State Public Affairs
National Council of Jewish Women, West
Virginia State Public Affairs
National Council of Negro Women
National Education Association
National Immigration Law Center
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National Organization for Women
National Organization for Women - Nebraska
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Priorities Project
National Women's Political Caucus of
Pennsylvania
Navajo United Methodist Center
NCRC
NDPeople.org
Nevada Lawyers for Progressive Policy
New Beginnings
New Connections to Work
New Hampshire Citizen's Alliance for Action
New Hampshire Faithful Democracy
New Jersey Citizen Action
New Jersey Tenants Organization
New Mexico Association of Food Banks
New Mexico PACE
New Mexico Voices for Children
New York City Coalition against Hunger
NH Community Action Association
Ni-Ta-Nee NOW
NM Coalition to End Homelessness
North American Federation of Temple Youth
(Mid-Atlantic Region)
North Carolina Council of Churches
North Carolina Justice Center
Northland Family Help Center
Northwest Federation of Community
Organizations
Northwest Indian Housing Association
Northwest Louisiana Democratic Coordinating
Committee
Northwest Montana Human Resources
Nueces County Community Action Agency
Oakland County Welfare Rights
Oakland Private Industry Council

Oakland RESULTS
Ocean State Action
Office of Consumer and Family Affairs of
Midwestern Colorado Mental Health Center
Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks
Oklahoma Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus
Olmsted Community Action Program
OMB Watch
Ontology Enterprises
Onward Christian Soldiers
OPEIU Local 3
Open Door Community House, Inc.
Oregon Action
Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force
Orphan Foundation of America
Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Church
Our Prison Neighbors
OWL: The Older Women's League
Parent Voices-Statewide
Parenting Life Skills Center
Partners in Ending Hunger
PathWays PA
Peace and Justice Committee
Peace Place, Inc
Peninsula Children's Center
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center
Pennsylvania NOW, Inc.
People of Faith CT
Pima Council on Aging
PIRG Fuel Buyers
Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
Pocono Progressives
Presentation Sisters
Prevention Links
Precede Inc.
Progressive Action Alliance
Progressive Democrats for Delaware
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
Progressive Maryland
Project H.O.M.E.
Project IRENE
Promise the Children
Prospect Head Start
Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition
Protestants for the Common Good
Providers Choice, Inc
Public Justice Center
Redwood Community Action Agency
Region 8 Community Action Partnership
Region VII Head Start Association
Religious Action of Reform Judaism
Renew Group of Albany, N.Y.
Residents for Affordable Housing
RESULTS
RESULTS /Contra Costa County, CA
Retired Teacher
River of Light Enterprise, Inc.
ROSE Community Development
S.A.F.E. House
Sacred Heart OFM Province JPIC
Salt Lake Community Action Program
San Luis Obispo County DSS
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc
Save America Coalition
SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center
Schoharie County Displaced Homemakers
Program
Second Harvest of the Big Bend
SEEDS Outreach Center
Senior High Rise Food Bank
Services for the Elderly, Inc.
Shelter Resources, Inc. d.b.a. Belle Reve New
Orleans
SillarsFamily
Simon Publications
Sister of Charity of Leavenworth
Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational
Leadership
Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word,
Houston
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis
Province
Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS
Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace
Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Francis de Sales Convent
Sisters of the Good Shepherd
Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed
Sacrament
Sisters of the Presentation
Small Potatoes Gleaning Project
SMART-One, Inc.
Social Justice Alliance
Social Justice Committee, St. Philip's Catholic
Church
Social Responsibility Council of First Unitarian
Church of Rochester, NY
Social Security Disability Coalition
Social Work Consulting
Social Work Program of Bluffton University
Society of Jesus, NY Province
Sojourner's Call to Renewal

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Solutions to Issues of Concern to Knoxvilleians
South Central Human Resource Agency
South Dakota Women Work!
South Dallas Fair Park Connectional Alliance
Southeastern Arizona Behavioral Health Services
Spectrum Youth & Family Services
Srs of St Francis -Providence of God
Sirs. of St. Joseph
St. Bernard Church
St. Gregory Intercommunity Convent
St. James Family Center
St. Peter Damian Fraternity Secular Franciscan Order
St. Walburg Monastery
StatementSoft
Statewide Parent Advocacy Network
Stepping Stones
Support Services at Kellogg Community College
Susan Fall
SW Iowa Latino Resource Center
Tempe Community Action Agency
Tennessee Citizen Action
Texans Care for Children
The Anti-Hunger Action Committee
The Arc of the U.S.
The BMW Band
The Centre for Women
The Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.
The DAYDREAMZ Project
The DreamTree Project
The Every Child Matters Education Fund
The HIPPIY - Mobile Program
The Idaho Foodbank
The IHM Justice, Peace and Sustainability Office
The National Council of Jewish Women in Missouri
The O'Rourke Group
The Partnership for the Homeless
The Target Group
The Tuttle Agency
The Women's Center at JFVS
Thomas G. O'Brien III
Three Affiliated Tribes Head Start
Tidewater Equine Clinic
Township of Irvington
TRENDZ Inc.
Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.
Trillium Employment Services
Tulsa RESULTS
UA Local 13
Union for Reform Judaism - New Jersey-West
Hudson Valley Council
Unitarian Universalisms for Social Justice
Unite HERE
United American Nurses, AFL-CIO
United Cerebral Palsy
United Church of Christ Justice & Witness Ministries
United Methodist Appalachian Ministry Network
United Methodist Church
United Ministries, Inc.
United Steelworkers (USW)
United Vision for Idaho
Urban League of Dallas and North Central Texas
Urban League of Greater Dallas
USAction
Used Appliance Sales
UT Nursing School
Utah Business and Professional Women
Utah Housing Coalition
Utah Women's Lobby
Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition
Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger
Vernon Community Action Council, Inc.
Vermont Legal Aid, Inc.
Veterans for Peace - Santa Fe Chapter
Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy
Virginia Organizing Project
Virginia Poverty Law Center
WA Council for Affordable & Rural Housing
Washington Community Action Network
Washington Health Empowerment Network
W.H.E.N.
Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless
Washington State Coalition for the Homeless
Washington State Community Action Partnership
WE CAN! of Colorado
Weeks and Vietri Counseling
Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition
Well House Emergency Shelter
West County Resource Center
West Side Campaign Against Hunger
West Virginia Coalition for People with HIV/AIDS
Western State Hospital
Western State Hospital Community Program
Western State Hospital/ PALS
Western Tidewater Community Services
Western Tidewater Community Services Board
Western Tidewater CSB

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Wichita Sisters of St. Joseph Associate
Wider Opportunities for Women
Wisconsin Council on Children and Families
Women Employed
Women of Reform Judaism
Women's City Club of New York
Women's Initiative for Self Employment
Women's International League for Peace and
Freedom, Mary Wood branch
Work, Welfare and Families

Working For Equality and Economic Liberation
WV Citizen Action Group
Youth Shelters and Family Services
YWCA Decatur and Macon County-Illinois
YWCA Evanston/North Shore
YWCA Lancaster
YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County
YWCA of Elkhart County, Inc.
YWCA of the Hartford Region
YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.