

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Speaker J. Dennis Hastert
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Majority Leader John Boehner
H-107, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. Leader:

We, the undersigned, are categorically opposed to bringing to the House floor this year stand-alone legislation increasing the federal minimum wage. The House has already expressed its will on the minimum wage issue as part of the Estate Tax and Extension of Tax Relief Act of 2006 (H.R. 5970), which passed the House just a few legislative weeks ago. Therefore, separate consideration of a minimum wage increase is unnecessary.

As is well-known, the federal minimum wage is government intervention into the private market that hurts employers and workers. Small businesses tell us that when the minimum wage goes up, jobs go down. Employers tell us that when wages are artificially set, it is harder to hire that new entrant to the labor force who is just trying to get his foot in the door. It's time that we listen.

We urge you to do all you can to stop any further federal government manipulation of the private labor market.

Yours respectfully,

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