The Connecticut General Assembly

Rep. Godfrey Supports Legislation Raising Minimum Wage to Fifteen Dollars per Hour

Bill would raise minimum wage to fifteen dollars by 2022

Rep. Bob Godfrey (D-Danbury) joined fellow legislators, representatives from the business community, and worker's advocates at a press conference today at the Legislative Office Building in support of the minimum wage bill he has co-introduced with colleagues.

Rep. Godfrey joined others in calling for support of establishing a minimum wage of fifteen dollars per hour in the state of Connecticut by 2022 through incremental increases.

"Many of my neighbors in Danbury earn minimum wage, and the current minimum wage is not a living wage. No one working forty hours per week should be unable to put food on the table," **Rep. Godfrey** said. "Raising the minimum wage to fifteen dollars per hour by 2022 will help lift many families out of poverty. It will also benefit taxpayers throughout the state as fewer families will need to rely on state aid to supplement their income. Ensuring working people can make a decent living will always be a stronger economic stimulus than any proposal that claims to help everyone by making a few people at the top richer."

The proposed legislation would increase the minimum wage in the following increments:

- Eleven dollars per hour, effective January 1, 2018
- Twelve dollars per hour, effective January 1, 2019
- Thirteen dollars per hour, effective January 1, 2020
- Fourteen dollars per hour, effective January 1, 2021
- Fifteen dollars per hour, effective January 1, 2022

Connecticut's minimum wage increased to $10.10 per hour on January 1, 2017, the final increase included in minimum wage legislation passed in 2014. Since the passage of that legislation, Connecticut's minimum wage has been outpaced by that of several states, including Massachusetts.

The legislation is currently in the Committee on Labor and Public Employees.

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