



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE LABOR + COMMERCE  
 committee name  
 Committee on NB 29 MINIMUM WAGE dated 2-23-09  
 bill # / subject public hearing date

I AM A MEMBER OF THE NFIB-MEMBER OF STATE CHAIR-SEC. for  
 KENIA PENINSULA CHAIR - OWNER OF 4 HANDS BAR - SPEAKING for MYSELF.  
 RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE WILL HURT A LOT OF THE SMALL BUSINESSES  
 IT WILL MAKE US PAY MORE FOR WORK MANS COMP - STATE EMPLOYEE  
 WAGES & FEDERAL WAGES. I WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO MEET PAYROLL  
 SO THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO LAY OFF SOME PART TIME HELP MEANING  
 THEY CAN DRAW UNEMPLOYMENT UNTIL THAT RUNS OUT & AFTER THAT  
 MAYBE THEY CAN GO ON WELFARE. I CAN WORK MYSELF & I WON'T HAVE TO  
 PAY MYSELF SO THAT WILL SAVE ME MONEY & NO TAX MONEY TO PAY IN  
 OR WORKMAN COMP. AGRICULTURE CLOSING HAS MADE A BIG IMPACT ON  
 THIS PENINSULA & IT WILL GET WORSE. THE TOURIST TRADE HAS  
 DROPPED OFF BECAUSE OF GAS PRICES & FISH LIMITS & COMBINATION OF  
 THINGS & I DON'T SEE THAT CHANGING MUCH EITHER.

YOU PEOPLE SAY YOU ARE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES BUT I FEEL  
 THIS WILL PUT MOST OF US OUT OF BUSINESS, WITH THE HIGH COST OF  
 FREIGHT - SHIPPING & HANDLING, ECT. I BELIEVE \$1.60 INCREASE IS TOO  
 MUCH. I REALISE THE COST OF LIVING IS HIGH UP HERE IN ALASKA BUT I  
 FEEL MAYBE .25 TO .50 WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE. BUT NOT THE \$1.60 THAT  
 SBI IS GOING FOR.

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