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Honorable Geran Tarr
Alaska House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Tarr,

We want to thank you for introducing HB 28 a bill to increase Alaska's minimum wage.

In the last few years, the movement to lift the minimum wage to \$15 has spread across the country as workers band together to increase their buying power and demand that more of the wealth they create is shared with them in the form of wages.

In the last few years 8 states have voted to raise their minimum wage above \$10 and right now there are active campaigns in North Dakota, Ohio, Wisconsin, New York, New Hampshire, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana and North Carolina.

Alaska remains a very expensive place to live. Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Dr. Amy Glasmeier has developed a living wage model for each state*.

Here are her findings for Alaska:

Hourly Wages	1 Adult	1 Adult 1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	2 Adults (1 Working)	2 Adults (1 Working) 1 Child	2 Adults (1 Working) 2 Children	2 Adults (1 Working) 3 Children	2 Adults (1 Working) Part Time 1 Child*	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 2 Children	2 Adults 3 Children	
Living Wage	\$12.89	\$27.49	\$32.97	\$42.40	\$19.69	\$24.33	\$26.94	\$31.37	\$28.91	\$9.85	\$14.93	\$17.85	\$21.68
Poverty Wage	\$7.30	\$9.89	\$12.49	\$15.09	\$9.89	\$12.49	\$15.09	\$17.68		\$4.95	\$6.25	\$7.54	\$8.84
Minimum Wage	\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84		\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84

Thank you for the time and attention on this important issue and we look forward to working with you through the process to pass this important bill.

* <http://livingwage.mit.edu/states/02>

Sincerely,

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