

To members of the committee,

My name is Nina Wolff Landau and I am a Providence resident. I am writing in support of H7765 to raise the minimum wage to \$19/hour.

Although last year's legislation to raise the minimum wage to \$15 was a step in the right direction, it is years too late considering how quickly the cost of living has skyrocketed in Rhode Island. It also does not impact the tipped minimum wage which is abysmally low. Statewide, families struggle to put food on the table, afford housing, pay utilities, and access healthcare. Though we must also address each of those issues directly, raising the minimum wage is an important and necessary way to support the survival and well-being of Rhode Islanders.

I urge you to support this legislation and to join Rep. Henries in being a champion of working people in this state.

Thank you,
Nina