



April 30, 2015

The undersigned organizations enthusiastically support the Raise the Wage Act, as introduced by Senator Patty Murray (WA) and Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott (VA).

If enacted, this legislation would:

- Raise the federal minimum wage to \$12 by 2020;
- Gradually eliminate the tipped-industry loophole, which has allowed employers of tipped workers to pay a subminimum wage of only \$2.13 per hour to tipped staff since 1991; and
- Finally index the minimum wage so as to maintain its value to low-wage workers and provide stability and predictability for employers.

At a time when wage stagnation and income inequality pose serious threats to our families and our economy, the Raise the Wage Act would begin to reverse that cycle and raise pay broadly across the bottom of the workforce. By raising the minimum wage to \$12 by 2020, it will restore the minimum wage to roughly half of the average wage—which is where the federal minimum wage stood 40-50 years ago when the nation enjoyed strong growth and low unemployment.

According to data from the Economic Policy Institute, the Raise the Wage Act will deliver long-overdue raises to a large segment of the workforce: more than 1 in 4 workers. That workforce is composed not of teens, but almost entirely adults—nearly 90 percent. The average age of workers who would get a raise is 36, nearly half have some years of college education, and 20 percent hold associate’s degrees or higher. More than 27 percent are working parents with children, and half have family incomes of less than \$40,000 per year.

These are the frontline workers who make America run. Yet they are struggling as our economy enjoys strong growth but remains tilted towards low-paying jobs. The time for the Raise the Wage Act is long overdue, and we cannot delay in working toward its passage. We call on Congress to enact this important piece of legislation as quickly as possible, and for President Obama to sign it when it comes to his desk.

9to5

9to5 California

9to5 Colorado

9to5 Georgia

9to5 Wisconsin

ACCE Action

Action Now

ACTIONN ~ Acting in Community Together in Organizing Northern Nevada

Advocacy for Justice and Peace Committee of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

AFL-CIO

African American Health Alliance

ALIGN

Allentown Women's Center

Alliance for a Just Society

Alliance for Retired Americans

Alliance for Strong Families and Communities

Almost Home, Inc.

American Association of University Women - New York State

American Federation of Government Employees

American Federation of Teachers

American Postal Workers Union

American Veterans Association

Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)

Arkansas Interfaith Alliance

Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing

Association of University Centers on Disabilities

Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness

Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative

Bend the Arc Jewish Action

Bend the Arc Southern California

Bernardine Franciscan Sisters

Brave New Films

Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition

Cabell-Huntington Coalition for the Homeless, Huntington, WV

California Latinas for Reproductive Justice

California WIC Association

Campaign for America's Future

Care for the Homeless

Catholic Charities of Steuben

Center for Community Change Action

Center for Effective Government

Center for Popular Democracy

Center for Working Families

Central New York Citizens in Action, Inc.

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL)

Chicago Jobs Council

Chicago Women's AIDS Project

Children's Advocacy Institute

Children's Defense Fund

Church Women United in New York State

Citrus County Re-Entry Council

Cleveland Housing Network

Cleveland Nonviolence Network

Coalition for Social Justice

Coalition of Religious Communities  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Collaborative Center for Justice  
Colorado Center on Law & Policy  
Communities Creating Opportunity  
Community Action Marin  
Community Forum for Economic Justice of St. Joseph County, Indiana  
Community Stabilization Project  
Crossroads Urban Center  
D.C. Hunger Solutions  
DC Fair Budget Coalition  
Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families  
Demos  
Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO  
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund  
Dominican Sisters of Houston  
East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy  
El Centro de la Raza  
Emmaus House  
Employment Justice Center  
Equal Rights Advocates  
Equality Federation  
Every Child Matters Coalition of Chemung County  
Every Child Matters Education Fund  
Fair Wages for Florida  
Fair World Project  
Faith Action Network of Washington State  
Faith in Public Life  
Family & Friends of those Incarcerated  
Family Equality Council  
Family Forward Oregon  
Family Therapy Institute of Suffolk (NY)  
Farmworker Association of Florida  
Farmworker Justice  
First Shift Justice Project  
Food & Water Watch  
Food Chain Workers Alliance  
Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)  
Free Clinics of Michigan  
Freed Women Empowerment Network  
General Drivers & Helpers/ Teamsters Local 823  
God's Will In Action  
Grands As Parents Inc  
Granite State Organizing Project  
Greater Vine City Opportunities Program Inc.  
Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition  
Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.  
Hagerstown Area Religious Council  
Hawaiian Community Assets

HEAL-ONLINE.ORG

Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights  
Hilton Head for Peace  
Holland Children's Movement  
Home for Homless Foundation,inc.  
Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky  
Housing Plus  
Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Citrus County  
Hunger Action of NYS  
Hunger Free Vermont  
Hunger Free Pennsylvania  
IBEW  
IBT Local 662. JC39  
Indiana Institute for Working Families  
InnerCity Struggle  
Insan Dost Association (IDA)  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
Institute for Science and Human Values  
Integrated Community Solutions, Inc  
Interfaith Worker Justice  
Interfaith Worker Justice - New Mexico  
International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE)  
International Association of Sheet Metal Air Rail & Transportation Worker  
International Assoc. of Machinists & Aerospace Workers  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
International Union, United Auto Workers, UAW  
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement  
Islamic Relief USA  
JCC of Staten Island  
Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States  
Jewish Community Action  
Jewish Council for Public Affairs  
Jewish Labor Committee  
Jewish Social Policy Action Network  
Jubilee Jobs  
Just Harvest  
Just Kids, An Early Childhood Learning center  
Kentucky Center for Economic Policy  
Keystone Progress  
Keystone Research Center  
Leadership Team of the Felician Sisters of North America  
Legal Aid Society - Employment Law Center

Living United for Change in Arizona  
Local 703  
Lunch Break  
Maine Equal Justice Partners  
Maine People's Alliance

Maine Small Business Coalition  
Maritime Trades Department, AFL-CIO  
Marriage Equality USA  
Maryland Center on Economic Policy  
Maryland Hunger Solutions  
Massachusetts Communities Action Network  
Massachusetts Interfaith Worker Justice  
Metal Trades Department, AFL-CIO  
Methodist Federation for Social Action  
Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAH)  
Michigan League for Public Policy  
Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network  
Mile High Connects  
Missouri Jobs with Justice  
Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment  
MomsRising  
Montgomery County Maryland Community Action Board  
Mothers Outreach Network, Inc. Economic Justice Project  
Musikanten, Inc.  
NAACP  
NACOG  
NAESP  
Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum  
National Association of Counsel for Children  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Council of Jewish Women - PA  
National Council of Jewish Women, Illinois State Policy Action Network  
National Council of La Raza (NCLR)  
National Education Association  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Housing Law Project  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health  
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National People's Action  
National Urban League  
National Women's Law Center  
NCJW (National Council of Jewish Women) Seattle Section  
Nebraska Appleseed  
Nebraska State AFL-CIO  
Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts

Neighborhood Service Center, Inc.  
Network for Environmental & Economic Responsibility of United Church of Christ  
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby  
New Jersey Main Street Alliance  
New Jersey Tenants Organization  
New Mexico Communities in Action and Faith  
New Mexico Voices for Children  
Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance  
Northwest Health Law Advocates  
Office of Peace, Justice and Ecological Integrity, Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth  
OneAmerica  
Oregon Center for Public Policy  
Organize Now  
Organizing in the Land of Enchantment (OLE)  
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church  
Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights  
Partnership for Working Families  
Peace Economy Project  
Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center  
Pennsylvania Council of Churches  
Pennsylvania Working Families  
PeterCares House  
Philadelphia Unemployment Project  
PICO California  
Pittsburgh LCLAA  
Policy Matters Ohio  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Pride at Work, AFL-CIO  
Princeton Community Housing  
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada  
Project Child  
Project IRENE  
Provincial Council of the Clerics of St. Viator (Viatorians)  
Puget Sound Sage  
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition  
Restaurant Opportunities Center United  
RESULTS  
Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU)  
Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless  
ROC-Pennsylvania  
Root & Rebound  
Rubicon Programs  
Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness  
Safer Foundation  
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Inc.  
San Francisco Bay View National Black Newspaper  
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
SEIU 775  
SEIU Local 668

Service Employees International Union  
Share The Wealth Productions  
Sisters IHM  
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Institute Justice Team  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Albany Justice Committee  
Social Action Linking Together (SALT)  
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center  
South Dakota Peace and Justice Center  
South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice  
South Florida Voices for Working Families  
Sweet Vine  
Teamsters 777  
Teamsters Joint Council No. 28  
Teamsters Local 170  
Teamsters Local 36 Ed Mattas  
Teamsters Local 372  
Teamsters Local 577  
Teamsters Local 618  
Teamsters Local 637  
Teamsters Local 676  
Teamsters Local 697  
Teamsters Local 814  
Teamsters Local Union #585  
The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis  
The Journey  
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights  
The Main Street Alliance  
The Main Street Alliance of Florida  
The Main Street Alliance of Oregon  
The Parenting Movement  
The Workers' Rights Center  
Together Colorado  
Transport Workers Union of America  
Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO  
Union for Reform Judaism  
Union of Sisters of the Presentation of the B.V.M. - US Province  
Unitarian Universalist Church of the Restoration  
Unitarian Universalist Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network (UUPLAN)  
UNITE HERE  
United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries  
United Community Services of Johnson County  
United Food and Commercial Workers International Labor Union  
United Way of Hunterdon County  
Urban Health Plan, Inc.  
USAction  
UUPLAN  
Vecinos Unidos, Inc.

Voces de la Frontera  
Washington County Community Action Council  
Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless  
Washington State Budget & Policy Center  
Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
Watertown Citizens for Peace, Justice and the Environment  
We Are Family DC  
West Chester Food Cupboard  
West Valley Neighborhoods Coalition  
Wider Opportunities for Women  
Wisconsin Jobs Now  
Witnesses to Hunger  
Wolf 's Enterprises Human and Civil Rights Advocacy  
Women Employed  
Women's Law Project  
Women's Media Center  
Woodlawn Development Associates  
Working America  
Working Families Organization  
Workplace Fairness  
World Knowledge Bank  
York County Young Democrats  
YWCA Central Alabama  
YWCA of Spokane  
YWCA USA