

The undersigned organizations enthusiastically support the Raise the Wage Act of 2019, as introduced by Senators Bernie Sanders (VT) and Patty Murray (WA), Representatives Robert C. “Bobby” Scott (VA), Mark Pocan (WI) and Stephanie Murphy (FL).

If enacted, this legislation would:

- Raise the federal minimum wage to \$8.55 this year and increase it over the next five years until it reaches \$15 an hour in 2024;
- After 2024, adjust the minimum wage each year to keep pace with growth in the typical worker’s wages;
- Phase out the outdated subminimum wage for tipped workers, which has been frozen at a meager \$2.13 since 1991; and,
- Sunset the much criticized ability of employers to pay workers with disabilities a subminimum wage through certificates issued by DOL.
- Phase out the subminimum wage for workers under the age of 20.

At a time when wage stagnation and income inequality pose serious threats to our families and our economy, the Raise the Wage Act of 2019 will begin to reverse that cycle and raise pay broadly across the bottom of the workforce. According to the Economic Policy Institute, this Act will deliver long-overdue raises to more than 1 in 4 workers, 90% of whom are over the age of 20. The average age of workers who would get a raise is 35, nearly half have some years of college education. In fact, those who work year-round would see a raise in the order of \$3,000 a year, which is enough to make a tremendous difference in the life of a preschool teacher, bank teller, or fast-food worker who today struggles to get by on around \$20,000 per year.

28 percent are working parents with children, and half have family incomes of less than \$40,000 per year. Women make up nearly 58 percent of the workers who would benefit from a \$15 minimum wage, which would be instrumental in helping to close the gender-wage-gap. Raising the minimum wage to \$15 would also significantly benefit workers of color, with 38 percent of African American workers and 33 percent of Latinos seeing a pay increase once this law goes into effect.

These are the frontline workers who make America run—yet due to the erosion of the real value of the minimum wage over the last half century, they are struggling even as our economy enjoys a solid recovery.

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 Trump to sign it when it comes to his desk.

Economic Policy Institute  
National Employment Law Project

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A Better Balance

A Place at the Table

AAUW Texas

Abortion Care Network

ACCESS Women's Health Justice

Accessible Housing Resources, Inc. (AHRI)

Action Inc.

Action Together NEPA

ADAPT Montana

Advocate For Justice Inc.

Advocates for Youth

AFL-CIO

African American Ministers In Action

Agape Missions, NFP

AIDS Alabama South, LLC

Alabama Arise

Alameda County Community Food Bank

Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, Inc.

All Our Kin

Allegheny Valley Association of Churches

All-Options

Amara Legal Center

American Association of People with Disabilities

American Association of University Women

American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO

American Federation of Teachers, Washington

American Postal Workers Union - St Louis Gateway District Area Local

American Psychological Association

American Public Health Association

Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)

Anne Arundel County NOW

Appalachian Independence Center, Inc.

Arizona Center for Economic Progress

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families

Asian Law Alliance

Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO

Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living

Association of U.S. Catholic Priests (AUSCP)

ATD Fourth World Movement

Atlanta Community Food Bank

AtWork!

AUSCP - Association of U.S. Catholic Priests  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network  
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action  
Benedictine Sisters of Erie  
Black AIDS Institute  
Black Women's Roundtable  
Bread for the World  
Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition  
CA Capital Chapter - Coalition of Labor Union Women  
California Employment Lawyers Association  
California Food Policy Advocates  
Cambridge United for Justice with Prace  
Campaign for America's Future  
Campesinos Sin Fronteras  
CAP Services, Inc./Community Assets for People  
CARECEN-Central American Resource Center  
Caring Across Generations  
CASA  
CASA of Oregon  
Catalyst for Positive Change!  
Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers counties, NY  
Center for Changing Lives  
Center for Groveport Madison Human Needs  
Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY  
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)  
Center for New York City Affairs at The New School  
Center for Popular Democracy Action  
Center for Public Policy Priorities  
Center for Public Representation  
Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc.  
ChangeLab Solutions  
Chester County Food Bank  
Chicago Chapter of RESULTS, Domestic  
Chicago Jobs Council  
Chicago Women's AIDS Project  
Child Care Resources  
Children's Defense Fund  
Children's Advocacy Institute  
Church World Service  
Cities of Peace Detroit  
Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program

Cleveland Nonviolence Network  
CLUW of Southwestern PA  
CLUW: NORTHEAST CLEVELAND CHAPTER  
Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence  
Coalition for Low Income Pennsylvanians  
Coalition of Black Trade Unionist -Northern California  
Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Coalition of Labor Union Women GPA  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Collaborative Center for Justice  
Collin County Democrats With Disabilities (CCDWD)  
Collin County Voters With Disabilities  
Colorado Center on Law and Policy  
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless  
Communications Workers of America (CWA)  
Communities Creating Opportunity  
Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc.  
Community Action Partnership, NJ  
Community Advocates of Northern Indiana  
Community Labor United  
Community Reinvestment Alliance of South Florida  
Congregation Beth El, Berkeley  
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces  
Congregation of Our Lady of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces  
Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes  
Congregation of the Infant Jesus Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor, Inc.  
Connecticut Association for Human Services, Inc  
Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.  
Connecticut Voices for Children  
Cronucopia Community Advocates  
CWA Local 6450  
D.C. Hunger Solutions  
Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency  
DC KinCare Alliance  
DC Language Access Coalition  
DC Law Students in Court  
DC Volunteer Lawyers Project  
DCAEHS, Inc.  
Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families  
Demos  
Disability Law Center  
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF)  
Disability Voters of Maine

Disabled in Action of Greater Syracuse Inc.  
Disciples Center for Public Witness (Disciples of Christ)  
Disciples Justice Action Network  
Dominican Development Center, Inc.  
Dominican Sisters ~ Grand Rapids  
Dominican Sisters of Houston  
DV LEAP  
East Central Illinois Community Action Agency  
East Hampton Housing Authority  
EcoC2S  
Economic Opportunity Institute  
Economic Progress Institute  
Economic Roundtable  
Ecumenical Poverty Initiative  
Educate. Advocate.  
Education Equals Making Community Connections  
Equal Pay Today  
Equal Rights Advocates  
Equality California  
Equality North Carolina  
Estreet Verdors Assiotation Of Chicago (SVAC)  
Faith Voices Arkansas  
Family Promise of Greater Des Moines  
Family Promise of Knoxville  
Family Values@Work  
Farmworker Association of Florida  
Feeding Texas  
Feminist Majority  
First Christian Church  
First Focus Campaign for Children  
First United Methodist Church  
Florida Impact  
Food Chain Workers Alliance  
Food Finders Food Bank  
Food Lifeline  
Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)  
For Our Future PA  
Freedom Network USA  
Futures Without Violence  
GCC/IBT Local 24M/9N  
Gender Justice  
GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)  
Global Justice Institute, Metropolitan Community Churches

Godwin-Ternbach Museum, Queens College, CUNY  
Good Jobs Nation  
GRANDS AS PARENTS INC  
Greater Kansas City Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Greater New Jersey CLUW Chapter  
Greater Oklahoma City Chapter CLUW  
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank  
Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart  
H.O.P.E.  
HANA Center  
Hawaii Appleseed  
Head Start  
Headstart  
HEAL Trafficking  
Healthy and Free Tennessee  
HEAR US Inc.  
Hill Snowdon Foundation  
Hispanic Federation  
Holy Cross Ministries  
Housing Authority of the County of Lawrence  
Housing Choice Partners  
Howard Brown Health  
Hudson County Housing Resource Center  
Humanity  
Hunger Action Network of NYS  
Hunger Free Vermont  
Hunger Solutions New York  
Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger  
IHM Sisters IHM Sisters Justice, Peace and Sustainability Office  
Illinois Hunger Coalition  
Illinois Collaboration on Youth  
Impact Fund  
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda  
Indiana Community Action Association  
Indiana Institute for Working Families  
Indivisible Michigan 8th-Ingham  
Inspirational Gospel Assembly  
Interfaith Impact of New York State  
Interfaith Worker Justice  
International Labor Rights Forum  
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, UAW  
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement  
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Jackson State University  
Jewish Women International  
Jobs with Justice  
Just Harvest: A Center for Action Against Hunger  
Justice and Advocacy Committee of the Lehigh Conference of Churches  
Justice for Migrant Women  
Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes  
Kansas Association of Community Action Programs  
Kentucky Equal Justice Center  
Kentucky State AFL-CIO  
Keystone Progress  
Keystone Research Center  
Kings Local Food Pantry  
Korean Resource Center  
KWH Law Center for Social Justice and Change  
La Frontera Ministries  
La Plata County Thrive! Living Wage Coalition  
Labor Education Program, School of Labor and Employment Relations, University of Illinois  
Lamoille Family Center  
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley  
Law Students in Court  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law  
Leadership Conference of Women Religious  
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights  
Leadership Team, Sisters of the Presentations  
Legal Aid at Work  
Legal Aid Service of Broward County  
Legal Momentum: The Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund  
Legal Voice  
Let Justice Roll: Living Wage Campaign  
Lincoln Hills Development Corporation  
LiveWell Colorado  
Long Beach Gray Panthers  
Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy  
Louisiana Budget Project  
Louisiana Progress Action  
Main Street Alliance  
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence  
Maine Women's Lobby  
Mainers for Accountable Leadership  
Make the Road PA  
Maryland Center on Economic Policy  
Maryland Hunger Solutions

Maryland National Organization for Women  
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute  
Maternal and Child Health Access  
MCCC/MTA  
Men of All Colors Together (MACT)/Phila.  
Mercyhaven Inc.  
Methodist Federation for Social Action  
Metro-Detroit Chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW)  
Metropolitan Community Church of Washington, D.C.  
Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association  
Michigan League for Public Policy  
Michigan's Children  
Middlesex Coalition for Children  
Milwaukee Area Service & Hospitality Workers Organization  
Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless  
Mississippi Families for Kids  
Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative  
Missouri CLUW Chapter  
MomsRising  
Mountain State Justice  
MWC, AFL-CIO  
NAACP  
NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina  
Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Association of Social Workers - NJ Chapter  
National Association of Social Workers Connecticut Chapter  
National Association of Social Workers, West Virginia Chapter  
National Association of the Deaf  
National Black Justice Coalition  
National Black Sisters' Conference  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Center for Transgender Equality  
National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence  
National Coalition for the Homeless  
National Consumers League  
National Council of Churches  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Council of Jewish Women - PA  
National Council of Jewish Women - Texas  
National Council of Jewish Women - Florida



National Disability Rights Network  
National Domestic Workers Alliance  
National Education Association  
National Employment Lawyers Association  
National Employment Lawyers Association - Eastern Pennsylvania  
National Employment Lawyers Association - Georgia Affiliate  
National Employment Lawyers Association - New York  
National Equality Action Team (NEAT)  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Human Services Assembly  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)  
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
National Rural Social Work Caucus  
National Urban League  
National Women's Law Center  
National Working Positive Coalition  
National Workrights Institute  
NC Justice Center  
NC State AFL-CIO  
Nebraska Appleseed  
Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers  
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Teton County MT  
NELA Hawaii Chapter  
NELA - Kansas City Affiliate  
NELA - Saint Louis  
NELA - Alabama  
Nenana Tortella Council on Aging, INC  
Network for Environmental & Economic Responsibility  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
New Jersey Policy Perspective  
New Jersey State Coalition of Labor Union Women  
New Jersey Tenants Organization  
New Mexico Association of Community Partners (NMACP)  
New Mexico Black Caucus  
New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty  
New Orleans Associates of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament  
New Voices for Reproductive Justice  
New York Paid Leave Coalition  
North American Climate, Conservation and Environment(NACCE)

North Carolina Alliance for Retired Americans  
North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
North Carolina Council of Churches  
North Dakota Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers  
North Dakota Economic Security and Prosperity Alliance  
Northwest Indiana Community Action  
Northwest Pilot Project  
Oakland Park Democratic Club  
Oakland Symphony  
Oasis Legal Services  
Ohaha Family Foundation  
Ohio Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Ohio Domestic Violence Network  
Oklahoma Policy Institute  
Oklahoma Women's Coalition  
One Pennsylvania  
One Stop Career Center of PR Inc  
Orange County Poverty Alleviation Coalition  
Organize Florida  
OURNOVA  
Oxfam America  
PathWays PA  
Patriotic Millionaires  
Pax Christi Florida  
Pax Christi Illinois  
Pax Christi USA  
Peace, Justice, Sustainability Florida  
Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center  
Pennsylvania Council of Churches  
Pennsylvania Together  
People Demanding Action  
People's Institute for Housing Justice  
Philadelphia Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Philly Neighborhood Networks  
Piedmont Housing Alliance  
Planet Earth  
Policy Matters Ohio  
Poor Peoples Economic Human Rights Campaign  
Positive Women's Network-USA  
PowHer New York  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Pride at Work  
Princeton Community Housing

Professional Child Care Provider Network of Prince George's Co., Inc  
Project Bread-The Walk for Hunger  
Promise The Children  
Provincial Council Clerics of St. Viator (Viatorians)  
Public Advocacy for Kids  
Public Citizen  
Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY)  
Public Justice Center  
RI Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW)  
Raise Minimum Wages  
Raise the Wage PA  
Raise-Op Housing Cooperative  
Refuge Ministries Tampa Bay  
Regina Mundi Inc.  
Religious Institute  
Restaurant Opportunities Center of Michigan (ROC-MI)  
Restaurant Opportunities Center of Pennsylvania  
Restaurant Opportunities Centers United  
RESULTS Raleigh  
RESULTS-Santa Fe  
Rural Coalition  
Rural Coalition & Alianza Nacional de Campesinas  
Rural Community Workers Alliance  
Sacramento Housing Alliance  
Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness  
SafeHouse Denver, Inc  
San Diego Hunger Coalition  
San Gabriel Valley-Whittier NOW  
Santa Fe NOW  
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
Sconiers Homeless Preventive Organization Inc  
Seattle Human Services Coalition  
Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness  
Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania  
SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania  
Service Employees International Union  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)  
Sherwood Community Services  
SIA Legal Team  
Sinsinawa Dominican Peace and Justice Office  
SisterReach  
Sisters of Charity Federation  
Sisters of Mercy in NH

Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community Justice Team  
Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur  
Sisters of St Joseph of Chambery Justice and Peace Committee  
Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York  
Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa Leadership Team  
Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate  
Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, MO  
Social Action Linking Together (SALT)  
SocioEnergetics Foundation  
South Carolina Christian Action Council, Inc.  
South Dakota Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers  
Southern HIV/AIDS Strategy Initiative (SASI)/Duke University School of Law  
Southern Mutual Help Association, Inc.  
Southern Poverty Law Center  
Southfield Community Church  
Southwest PA National Organization For Women  
Southwest Women's Law Center  
Sravasti Abbey  
St. James Infirmary  
St. Louis CLUW Chapter  
St. Louis Gateway District Area Local - APWU 8  
St. Louis Gateway District Area Local APWU - POWER Sisters  
TASH  
Tax Fairness Oregon  
Tax March  
Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC)  
Tennessee Citizen Action  
Tennessee Justice Center  
Texas Employment Lawyers Association  
THE ABCD,INC  
The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis  
The Farmworker Association of Florida  
The Greater Boston Food Bank  
The HUB for Progress  
The Praxis Project  
The Public Interest Law Project  
The Washington Initiative for Supported Employment  
The Welcome Church  
TMS Enterprises  
Toledo Area Jobs with Justice & Interfaith worker Justice Coalition  
Transition Services, Inc.  
Transport Workers Union of America  
Treatment Action Group (TAG)

Trillium Employment Services  
Tzedek DC  
UCSF  
UETHDA Head Start  
UltraViolet  
UnidosUS  
Union for Reform Judaism  
Union of Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, USA UNIT  
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union  
United Food and Commercial Workers Local 227  
United Food and Commercial Workers Local 75  
United for a Fair Economy  
United For Reform  
United Steelworkers (USW)  
University Church  
University of New Mexico Community and Regional Planning Department  
Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency  
URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity  
Vennmedia: A Nonprofit Media Enterprise  
Virginia Employment Lawyers Association  
Voices for Progress  
Vote-Climate  
Wage Equality  
Washington Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition  
Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs  
Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless  
Washington State Budget & Policy Center  
Washington State Community Action Partnership  
Watertown Citizens for Peace, Justice & the Environment  
We The People - Pennsylvania  
Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club  
West Valley Neighborhoods Coalition  
West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy  
Western Center on Law and Poverty  
Western NY Chapter Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Western Pennsylvania Employment Lawyers Association (WPELA)  
WHEAT - World Hunger Education, Advocacy & Training  
Whitman-Walker Health  
Windham Area Interfaith Ministry  
Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice  
Women Employed  
Women's Fund of Rhode Island  
Women's Law Project

Worcester County Food Bank  
Worker Justice Center of New York  
Working Families Party  
Working Partnerships USA  
Workplace Fairness  
Young Progressives Demanding Action  
YouthCare  
YWCA of the University of Illinois  
YWCA Seattle|King|Snohomish  
YWCA USA  
YWCA Utah



