

3202 Form Letter E 1-12

Kathy Cooper

From: Taisa Hewka <info@actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 11:23 PM
To: Smolock, Bryan
Subject: I Support The New Overtime Rule



Bryan Smolock,

I am writing to express my strong support for the regulation proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to restore overtime pay for an estimated 465,000 workers by phasing in a requirement that Pennsylvania salaried workers earning below \$47,892 automatically be eligible for overtime.

For decades after the passage of federal and state laws on overtime it was accepted that moderately-paid salaried workers in the United States and Pennsylvania should receive overtime pay.

At one point, six out of 10 salaried workers automatically received overtime pay or they could go home after a 40-hour work week. Unfortunately, however, the federal and Pennsylvania salary levels below which all executive, administration and professional workers receive overtime pay have not changed since the mid-1970s. Therefore, fewer than one in 10 salaried workers today is automatically eligible for overtime.

As a result, the 40-hour work week, and the right to overtime pay, have been taken away from nearly half a million Pennsylvania salaried workers. Hundreds of thousands of department managers at big box stores, fast food shift supervisors, paralegals in law firms, manufacturing team leaders, office managers, and other salaried workers work for free over 40 hours. They often work 50 or 60 hours per week for an effective hourly rate of \$10 per hour or less even though they perform the same duties as hourly personnel for most of their work week.

Fortunately, just as states have the right to establish a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage, they also have the right to set a

higher overtime threshold. Neighboring New York has already updated its thresholds. I applaud Gov. Wolf's proposal that Pennsylvania do the same. I also applaud his decision to phase in this change over three years – giving businesses ample time to adjust. Good Pennsylvania businesses that recognize their employees as their most important asset, such as Altoona-based Sheetz, have already decided to lift their salaries to the level proposed by Gov. Wolf.

Many of the same forces that opposed the 40-hour work week a century ago – and also opposed a minimum wage, child labor laws, health and safety standards and every other requirement that business treat employees decently – will reflexively oppose Gov. Wolf's common-sense proposal. Since the governor's action and authority to make this change is rooted in state law, it should be implemented.

Taisa Hewka

taisahewka@gmail.com

1707 S 13th St

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19148

3202

Kathy Cooper

From: Scott Kristoff <info@actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 10:34 PM
To: Smollock, Bryan
Subject: I Support The New Overtime Rule



Bryan Smollock,

I am writing to express my strong support for the regulation proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to restore overtime pay for an estimated 465,000 workers by phasing in a requirement that Pennsylvania salaried workers earning below \$47,892 automatically be eligible for overtime.

For decades after the passage of federal and state laws on overtime it was accepted that moderately-paid salaried workers in the United States and Pennsylvania should receive overtime pay.

At one point, six out of 10 salaried workers automatically received overtime pay or they could go home after a 40-hour work week. Unfortunately, however, the federal and Pennsylvania salary levels below which all executive, administration and professional workers receive overtime pay have not changed since the mid-1970s. Therefore, fewer than one in 10 salaried workers today is automatically eligible for overtime.

As a result, the 40-hour work week, and the right to overtime pay, have been taken away from nearly half a million Pennsylvania salaried workers. Hundreds of thousands of department managers at big box stores, fast food shift supervisors, paralegals in law firms, manufacturing team leaders, office managers, and other salaried workers work for free over 40 hours. They often work 50 or 60 hours per week for an effective hourly rate of \$10 per hour or less even though they perform the same duties as hourly personnel for most of their work week.

Fortunately, just as states have the right to establish a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage, they also have the right to set a

higher overtime threshold. Neighboring New York has already updated its thresholds. I applaud Gov. Wolf's proposal that Pennsylvania do the same. I also applaud his decision to phase in this change over three years – giving businesses ample time to adjust. Good Pennsylvania businesses that recognize their employees as their most important asset, such as Altoona-based Sheetz, have already decided to lift their salaries to the level proposed by Gov. Wolf.

Many of the same forces that opposed the 40-hour work week a century ago – and also opposed a minimum wage, child labor laws, health and safety standards and every other requirement that business treat employees decently – will reflexively oppose Gov. Wolf's common-sense proposal. Since the governor's action and authority to make this change is rooted in state law, it should be implemented.

Scott Kristoff

skristoff9@yahoo.com

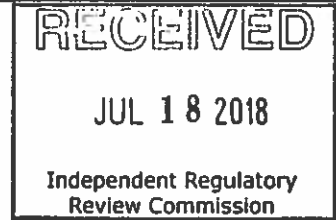
Po box 72

Madison , Pennsylvania 15663

3202

Kathy Cooper

From: Daniel Staab <info@actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 11:17 PM
To: Smolock, Bryan
Subject: I Support The New Overtime Rule



Bryan Smolock,

I am writing to express my strong support for the regulation proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to restore overtime pay for an estimated 465,000 workers by phasing in a requirement that Pennsylvania salaried workers earning below \$47,892 automatically be eligible for overtime.

For decades after the passage of federal and state laws on overtime it was accepted that moderately-paid salaried workers in the United States and Pennsylvania should receive overtime pay.

At one point, six out of 10 salaried workers automatically received overtime pay or they could go home after a 40-hour work week. Unfortunately, however, the federal and Pennsylvania salary levels below which all executive, administration and professional workers receive overtime pay have not changed since the mid-1970s. Therefore, fewer than one in 10 salaried workers today is automatically eligible for overtime.

As a result, the 40-hour work week, and the right to overtime pay, have been taken away from nearly half a million Pennsylvania salaried workers. Hundreds of thousands of department managers at big box stores, fast food shift supervisors, paralegals in law firms, manufacturing team leaders, office managers, and other salaried workers work for free over 40 hours. They often work 50 or 60 hours per week for an effective hourly rate of \$10 per hour or less even though they perform the same duties as hourly personnel for most of their work week.

Fortunately, just as states have the right to establish a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage, they also have the right to set a

higher overtime threshold. Neighboring New York has already updated its thresholds. I applaud Gov. Wolf's proposal that Pennsylvania do the same. I also applaud his decision to phase in this change over three years – giving businesses ample time to adjust. Good Pennsylvania businesses that recognize their employees as their most important asset, such as Altoona-based Sheetz, have already decided to lift their salaries to the level proposed by Gov. Wolf.

Many of the same forces that opposed the 40-hour work week a century ago – and also opposed a minimum wage, child labor laws, health and safety standards and every other requirement that business treat employees decently – will reflexively oppose Gov. Wolf's common-sense proposal. Since the governor's action and authority to make this change is rooted in state law, it should be implemented.

Daniel Staab

Ram611815@gmail.com

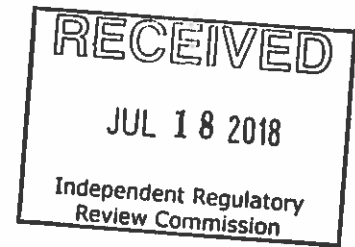
1480 Blossomhill rd

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15234

3202

Kathy Cooper

From: Marlene Chaikin <marlene333@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 10:28 PM
To: Smolock, Bryan
Subject: I Support The New Overtime Rule



Bryan Smolock,

I am writing to express my strong support for the regulation proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to restore overtime pay for an estimated 465,000 workers by phasing in a requirement that Pennsylvania salaried workers earning below \$47,892 automatically be eligible for overtime.

For decades after the passage of federal and state laws on overtime it was accepted that moderately-paid salaried workers in the United States and Pennsylvania should receive overtime pay.

At one point, six out of 10 salaried workers automatically received overtime pay or they could go home after a 40-hour work week. Unfortunately, however, the federal and Pennsylvania salary levels below which all executive, administration and professional workers receive overtime pay have not changed since the mid-1970s. Therefore, fewer than one in 10 salaried workers today is automatically eligible for overtime.

As a result, the 40-hour work week, and the right to overtime pay, have been taken away from nearly half a million Pennsylvania salaried workers. Hundreds of thousands of department managers at big box stores, fast food shift supervisors, paralegals in law firms, manufacturing team leaders, office managers, and other salaried workers work for free over 40 hours. They often work 50 or 60 hours per week for an effective hourly rate of \$10 per hour or less even though they perform the same duties as hourly personnel for most of their work week.

Fortunately, just as states have the right to establish a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage, they also have the right to set a

higher overtime threshold. Neighboring New York has already updated its thresholds. I applaud Gov. Wolf's proposal that Pennsylvania do the same. I also applaud his decision to phase in this change over three years – giving businesses ample time to adjust. Good Pennsylvania businesses that recognize their employees as their most important asset, such as Altoona-based Sheetz, have already decided to lift their salaries to the level proposed by Gov. Wolf.

Many of the same forces that opposed the 40-hour work week a century ago – and also opposed a minimum wage, child labor laws, health and safety standards and every other requirement that business treat employees decently – will reflexively oppose Gov. Wolf's common-sense proposal. Since the governor's action and authority to make this change is rooted in state law, it should be implemented.

Marlene Chaikin

marlene333@comcast.net

666 W Germantown Pike - #2806

Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania 19462

3202

Kathy Cooper

From: Pat Ciarlone <ciarlone1@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 11:15 PM
To: Smolock, Bryan
Subject: I Support The New Overtime Rule



Bryan Smolock,

I am writing to express my strong support for the regulation proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to restore overtime pay for an estimated 465,000 workers by phasing in a requirement that Pennsylvania salaried workers earning below \$47,892 automatically be eligible for overtime.

For decades after the passage of federal and state laws on overtime it was accepted that moderately-paid salaried workers in the United States and Pennsylvania should receive overtime pay.

At one point, six out of 10 salaried workers automatically received overtime pay or they could go home after a 40-hour work week. Unfortunately, however, the federal and Pennsylvania salary levels below which all executive, administration and professional workers receive overtime pay have not changed since the mid-1970s. Therefore, fewer than one in 10 salaried workers today is automatically eligible for overtime.

As a result, the 40-hour work week, and the right to overtime pay, have been taken away from nearly half a million Pennsylvania salaried workers. Hundreds of thousands of department managers at big box stores, fast food shift supervisors, paralegals in law firms, manufacturing team leaders, office managers, and other salaried workers work for free over 40 hours. They often work 50 or 60 hours per week for an effective hourly rate of \$10 per hour or less even though they perform the same duties as hourly personnel for most of their work week.

Fortunately, just as states have the right to establish a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage, they also have the right to set a

higher overtime threshold. Neighboring New York has already updated its thresholds. I applaud Gov. Wolf's proposal that Pennsylvania do the same. I also applaud his decision to phase in this change over three years – giving businesses ample time to adjust. Good Pennsylvania businesses that recognize their employees as their most important asset, such as Altoona-based Sheetz, have already decided to lift their salaries to the level proposed by Gov. Wolf.

Many of the same forces that opposed the 40-hour work week a century ago – and also opposed a minimum wage, child labor laws, health and safety standards and every other requirement that business treat employees decently – will reflexively oppose Gov. Wolf's common-sense proposal. Since the governor's action and authority to make this change is rooted in state law, it should be implemented.

Pat Ciarlone

ciarlone1@comcast.net

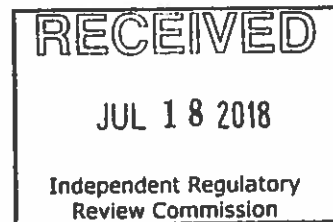
33 Tuxford Lane

Coatesville , Pennsylvania 19320

3202

Kathy Cooper

From: Kelly Parrish <info@actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 9:34 PM
To: Smolock, Bryan
Subject: I Support The New Overtime Rule



Bryan Smolock,

I am writing to express my strong support for the regulation proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to restore overtime pay for an estimated 465,000 workers by phasing in a requirement that Pennsylvania salaried workers earning below \$47,892 automatically be eligible for overtime.

For decades after the passage of federal and state laws on overtime it was accepted that moderately-paid salaried workers in the United States and Pennsylvania should receive overtime pay.

At one point, six out of 10 salaried workers automatically received overtime pay or they could go home after a 40-hour work week. Unfortunately, however, the federal and Pennsylvania salary levels below which all executive, administration and professional workers receive overtime pay have not changed since the mid-1970s. Therefore, fewer than one in 10 salaried workers today is automatically eligible for overtime.

As a result, the 40-hour work week, and the right to overtime pay, have been taken away from nearly half a million Pennsylvania salaried workers. Hundreds of thousands of department managers at big box stores, fast food shift supervisors, paralegals in law firms, manufacturing team leaders, office managers, and other salaried workers work for free over 40 hours. They often work 50 or 60 hours per week for an effective hourly rate of \$10 per hour or less even though they perform the same duties as hourly personnel for most of their work week.

Fortunately, just as states have the right to establish a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage, they also have the right to set a

higher overtime threshold. Neighboring New York has already updated its thresholds. I applaud Gov. Wolf's proposal that Pennsylvania do the same. I also applaud his decision to phase in this change over three years – giving businesses ample time to adjust. Good Pennsylvania businesses that recognize their employees as their most important asset, such as Altoona-based Sheetz, have already decided to lift their salaries to the level proposed by Gov. Wolf.

Many of the same forces that opposed the 40-hour work week a century ago – and also opposed a minimum wage, child labor laws, health and safety standards and every other requirement that business treat employees decently – will reflexively oppose Gov. Wolf's common-sense proposal. Since the governor's action and authority to make this change is rooted in state law, it should be implemented.

Kelly Parrish

owlhoot8.politics@gmail.com

15 Angus Drive

Stevens, Pennsylvania 17578

3202

Kathy Cooper

From: Pat Boyle <patmboyle@juno.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 10:50 PM
To: Smolock, Bryan
Subject: I Support The New Overtime Rule



Bryan Smolock,

I am writing to express my strong support for the regulation proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to restore overtime pay for an estimated 465,000 workers by phasing in a requirement that Pennsylvania salaried workers earning below \$47,892 automatically be eligible for overtime.

For decades after the passage of federal and state laws on overtime it was accepted that moderately-paid salaried workers in the United States and Pennsylvania should receive overtime pay.

At one point, six out of 10 salaried workers automatically received overtime pay or they could go home after a 40-hour work week. Unfortunately, however, the federal and Pennsylvania salary levels below which all executive, administration and professional workers receive overtime pay have not changed since the mid-1970s. Therefore, fewer than one in 10 salaried workers today is automatically eligible for overtime.

As a result, the 40-hour work week, and the right to overtime pay, have been taken away from nearly half a million Pennsylvania salaried workers. Hundreds of thousands of department managers at big box stores, fast food shift supervisors, paralegals in law firms, manufacturing team leaders, office managers, and other salaried workers work for free over 40 hours. They often work 50 or 60 hours per week for an effective hourly rate of \$10 per hour or less even though they perform the same duties as hourly personnel for most of their work week.

Fortunately, just as states have the right to establish a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage, they also have the right to set a

higher overtime threshold. Neighboring New York has already updated its thresholds. I applaud Gov. Wolf's proposal that Pennsylvania do the same. I also applaud his decision to phase in this change over three years – giving businesses ample time to adjust. Good Pennsylvania businesses that recognize their employees as their most important asset, such as Altoona-based Sheetz, have already decided to lift their salaries to the level proposed by Gov. Wolf.

Many of the same forces that opposed the 40-hour work week a century ago – and also opposed a minimum wage, child labor laws, health and safety standards and every other requirement that business treat employees decently – will reflexively oppose Gov. Wolf's common-sense proposal. Since the governor's action and authority to make this change is rooted in state law, it should be implemented.

Pat Boyle

patmboyle@juno.com

409 Grant Ave

Warminster, Texas 18874

3202

Kathy Cooper

From: Shawn Towey <info@actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 9:14 PM
To: Smollock, Bryan
Subject: I Support The New Overtime Rule



Bryan Smollock,

I am writing to express my strong support for the regulation proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to restore overtime pay for an estimated 465,000 workers by phasing in a requirement that Pennsylvania salaried workers earning below \$47,892 automatically be eligible for overtime.

For decades after the passage of federal and state laws on overtime it was accepted that moderately-paid salaried workers in the United States and Pennsylvania should receive overtime pay.

At one point, six out of 10 salaried workers automatically received overtime pay or they could go home after a 40-hour work week. Unfortunately, however, the federal and Pennsylvania salary levels below which all executive, administration and professional workers receive overtime pay have not changed since the mid-1970s. Therefore, fewer than one in 10 salaried workers today is automatically eligible for overtime.

As a result, the 40-hour work week, and the right to overtime pay, have been taken away from nearly half a million Pennsylvania salaried workers. Hundreds of thousands of department managers at big box stores, fast food shift supervisors, paralegals in law firms, manufacturing team leaders, office managers, and other salaried workers work for free over 40 hours. They often work 50 or 60 hours per week for an effective hourly rate of \$10 per hour or less even though they perform the same duties as hourly personnel for most of their work week.

Fortunately, just as states have the right to establish a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage, they also have the right to set a

higher overtime threshold. Neighboring New York has already updated its thresholds. I applaud Gov. Wolf's proposal that Pennsylvania do the same. I also applaud his decision to phase in this change over three years – giving businesses ample time to adjust. Good Pennsylvania businesses that recognize their employees as their most important asset, such as Altoona-based Sheetz, have already decided to lift their salaries to the level proposed by Gov. Wolf.

Many of the same forces that opposed the 40-hour work week a century ago – and also opposed a minimum wage, child labor laws, health and safety standards and every other requirement that business treat employees decently – will reflexively oppose Gov. Wolf's common-sense proposal. Since the governor's action and authority to make this change is rooted in state law, it should be implemented.

Shawn Towey

shawn2e@gmail.com

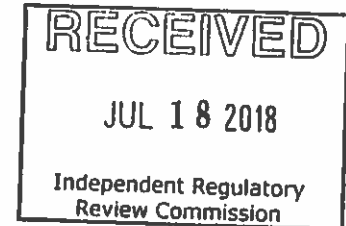
505 Country Club Road

Phoenixville, Pennsylvania 19460

3202

Kathy Cooper

From: William Paci <info@actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 10:35 PM
To: Smolock, Bryan
Subject: I Support The New Overtime Rule



Bryan Smolock,

I am writing to express my strong support for the regulation proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to restore overtime pay for an estimated 465,000 workers by phasing in a requirement that Pennsylvania salaried workers earning below \$47,892 automatically be eligible for overtime.

For decades after the passage of federal and state laws on overtime it was accepted that moderately-paid salaried workers in the United States and Pennsylvania should receive overtime pay.

At one point, six out of 10 salaried workers automatically received overtime pay or they could go home after a 40-hour work week. Unfortunately, however, the federal and Pennsylvania salary levels below which all executive, administration and professional workers receive overtime pay have not changed since the mid-1970s. Therefore, fewer than one in 10 salaried workers today is automatically eligible for overtime.

As a result, the 40-hour work week, and the right to overtime pay, have been taken away from nearly half a million Pennsylvania salaried workers. Hundreds of thousands of department managers at big box stores, fast food shift supervisors, paralegals in law firms, manufacturing team leaders, office managers, and other salaried workers work for free over 40 hours. They often work 50 or 60 hours per week for an effective hourly rate of \$10 per hour or less even though they perform the same duties as hourly personnel for most of their work week.

Fortunately, just as states have the right to establish a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage, they also have the right to set a

higher overtime threshold. Neighboring New York has already updated its thresholds. I applaud Gov. Wolf's proposal that Pennsylvania do the same. I also applaud his decision to phase in this change over three years – giving businesses ample time to adjust. Good Pennsylvania businesses that recognize their employees as their most important asset, such as Altoona-based Sheetz, have already decided to lift their salaries to the level proposed by Gov. Wolf.

Many of the same forces that opposed the 40-hour work week a century ago – and also opposed a minimum wage, child labor laws, health and safety standards and every other requirement that business treat employees decently – will reflexively oppose Gov. Wolf's common-sense proposal. Since the governor's action and authority to make this change is rooted in state law, it should be implemented.

William Paci

checkerboard_skeleton@yahoo.com

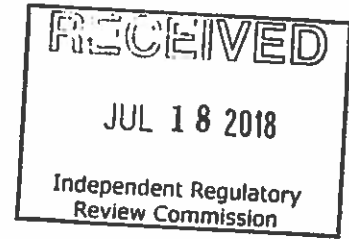
17 south 21st street #2F

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

3202

Kathy Cooper

From: John Meyerson <info@actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 8:54 PM
To: Smolock, Bryan
Subject: I Support The New Overtime Rule



Bryan Smolock,

I am writing to express my strong support for the regulation proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to restore overtime pay for an estimated 465,000 workers by phasing in a requirement that Pennsylvania salaried workers earning below \$47,892 automatically be eligible for overtime.

For decades after the passage of federal and state laws on overtime it was accepted that moderately-paid salaried workers in the United States and Pennsylvania should receive overtime pay.

At one point, six out of 10 salaried workers automatically received overtime pay or they could go home after a 40-hour work week. Unfortunately, however, the federal and Pennsylvania salary levels below which all executive, administration and professional workers receive overtime pay have not changed since the mid-1970s. Therefore, fewer than one in 10 salaried workers today is automatically eligible for overtime.

As a result, the 40-hour work week, and the right to overtime pay, have been taken away from nearly half a million Pennsylvania salaried workers. Hundreds of thousands of department managers at big box stores, fast food shift supervisors, paralegals in law firms, manufacturing team leaders, office managers, and other salaried workers work for free over 40 hours. They often work 50 or 60 hours per week for an effective hourly rate of \$10 per hour or less even though they perform the same duties as hourly personnel for most of their work week.

Fortunately, just as states have the right to establish a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage, they also have the right to set a

higher overtime threshold. Neighboring New York has already updated its thresholds. I applaud Gov. Wolf's proposal that Pennsylvania do the same. I also applaud his decision to phase in this change over three years – giving businesses ample time to adjust. Good Pennsylvania businesses that recognize their employees as their most important asset, such as Altoona-based Sheetz, have already decided to lift their salaries to the level proposed by Gov. Wolf.

Many of the same forces that opposed the 40-hour work week a century ago – and also opposed a minimum wage, child labor laws, health and safety standards and every other requirement that business treat employees decently – will reflexively oppose Gov. Wolf's common-sense proposal. Since the governor's action and authority to make this change is rooted in state law, it should be implemented.

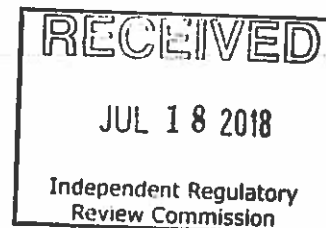
John Meyerson
jmeyerson1776@gmail.com
508 W Mt Airy Ave
Phila, Pennsylvania 19119

3202

Kathy Cooper

From: Smolock, Bryan <bsmolock@pa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 10:21 AM
To: IRR; Kathy Cooper
Cc: Schramm, Robert (LI-OCC); Rapach, Jennifer Buchanan; Haffner, Garrett
Subject: FW: I Support The New Overtime Rule

From: jwhite@smart-union.org [<mailto:jwhite@smart-union.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 6:54 AM
To: Smolock, Bryan <bsmolock@pa.gov>
Subject: I Support The New Overtime Rule



Bryan Smolock,

I am writing to express my strong support for the regulation proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to restore overtime pay for an estimated 465,000 workers by phasing in a requirement that Pennsylvania salaried workers earning below \$47,892 automatically be eligible for overtime.

For decades after the passage of federal and state laws on overtime it was accepted that moderately-paid salaried workers in the United States and Pennsylvania should receive overtime pay.

At one point, six out of 10 salaried workers automatically received overtime pay or they could go home after a 40-hour work week. Unfortunately, however, the federal and Pennsylvania salary levels below which all executive, administration and professional workers receive overtime pay have not changed since the mid-1970s. Therefore, fewer than one in 10 salaried workers today is automatically eligible for overtime.

As a result, the 40-hour work week, and the right to overtime pay, have been taken away from nearly half a million Pennsylvania salaried workers. Hundreds of thousands of department managers at big box stores, fast food shift supervisors, paralegals in law firms, manufacturing team leaders, office managers, and other salaried workers work for free over 40 hours. They often work 50 or 60 hours per week for an effective hourly rate of \$10 per hour or less even though they perform the same duties as hourly personnel for most of their

work week.

Fortunately, just as states have the right to establish a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage, they also have the right to set a higher overtime threshold. Neighboring New York has already updated its thresholds. I applaud Gov. Wolf's proposal that Pennsylvania do the same. I also applaud his decision to phase in this change over three years – giving businesses ample time to adjust. Good Pennsylvania businesses that recognize their employees as their most important asset, such as Altoona-based Sheetz, have already decided to lift their salaries to the level proposed by Gov. Wolf.

Many of the same forces that opposed the 40-hour work week a century ago – and also opposed a minimum wage, child labor laws, health and safety standards and every other requirement that business treat employees decently – will reflexively oppose Gov. Wolf's common-sense proposal. Since the governor's action and authority to make this change is rooted in state law, it should be implemented.

jwhite@smart-union.org

1110 Heck's drive

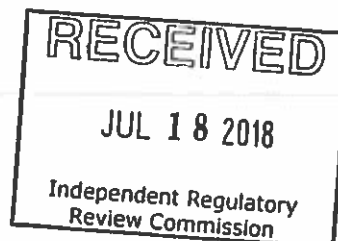
Dauphin , Pennsylvania 17018

3202

Kathy Cooper

From: Smolock, Bryan <bsmolock@pa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 10:56 AM
To: IRRC; Kathy Cooper
Cc: Rapach, Jennifer Buchanan; Haffner, Garrett; Schramm, Robert (LI-OCC)
Subject: FW: I Support The New Overtime Rule

From: jwhite@smart-union.org [<mailto:jwhite@smart-union.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 6:54 AM
To: Smolock, Bryan <bsmolock@pa.gov>
Subject: I Support The New Overtime Rule



Bryan Smolock,

I am writing to express my strong support for the regulation proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to restore overtime pay for an estimated 465,000 workers by phasing in a requirement that Pennsylvania salaried workers earning below \$47,892 automatically be eligible for overtime.

For decades after the passage of federal and state laws on overtime it was accepted that moderately-paid salaried workers in the United States and Pennsylvania should receive overtime pay.

At one point, six out of 10 salaried workers automatically received overtime pay or they could go home after a 40-hour work week. Unfortunately, however, the federal and Pennsylvania salary levels below which all executive, administration and professional workers receive overtime pay have not changed since the mid-1970s. Therefore, fewer than one in 10 salaried workers today is automatically eligible for overtime.

As a result, the 40-hour work week, and the right to overtime pay, have been taken away from nearly half a million Pennsylvania salaried workers. Hundreds of thousands of department managers at big box stores, fast food shift supervisors, paralegals in law firms, manufacturing team leaders, office managers, and other salaried workers work for free over 40 hours. They often work 50 or 60 hours per week for an effective hourly rate of \$10 per hour or less even though they perform the same duties as hourly personnel for most of their

work week.

Fortunately, just as states have the right to establish a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage, they also have the right to set a higher overtime threshold. Neighboring New York has already updated its thresholds. I applaud Gov. Wolf's proposal that Pennsylvania do the same. I also applaud his decision to phase in this change over three years – giving businesses ample time to adjust. Good Pennsylvania businesses that recognize their employees as their most important asset, such as Altoona-based Sheetz, have already decided to lift their salaries to the level proposed by Gov. Wolf.

Many of the same forces that opposed the 40-hour work week a century ago – and also opposed a minimum wage, child labor laws, health and safety standards and every other requirement that business treat employees decently – will reflexively oppose Gov. Wolf's common-sense proposal. Since the governor's action and authority to make this change is rooted in state law, it should be implemented.

jwhite@smart-union.org

1110 Heck's drive

Dauphin , Pennsylvania 17018