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From: Cordell Affeldt <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 1:15 PM
To: Smolock, Bryan
Subject: I Support The New Overtime Rule



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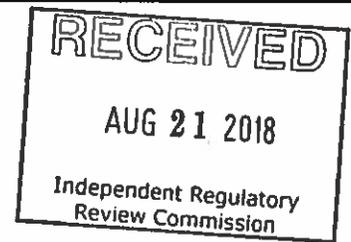
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Let me prefscvd my comm ents by noting I am an economist with 50 years' experience who taught for 20 years at Penn State in University Park.

As an economist, I am writing to express strong support for the proposed regulation 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.

It has long been a consensus in federal and state laws on overtime that moderately-paid salaried workers 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. Inflation takes its toll, however, while the salary levels below which workers receive overtime pay have not changed since the mid-1970s. It's no surprise that only one in 10 salaried workers today is automatically eligible for overtime.

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The result is increasing pressure on what were once good middle class jobs and loss of relative income. With that loss comes a decline in their households' buying power and thus retail sales that support the income of hourly employees. The result is a major economic loss to ALL

Pennsylvanians, not merely those who would get higher incomes as a result of the threshold being raised.

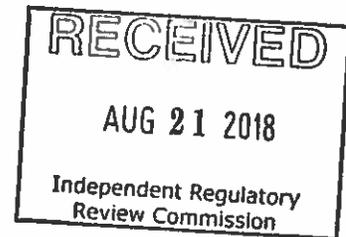
Neighboring New York has already updated its overtime thresholds. I applaud Gov. Wolf's proposal that Pennsylvania do the same. I also applaud his decision to phase in this change over three years – giving businesses ample time to adjust. The proposed threshold, it should be noted, is quite conservative -- it is almost \$10,000 BELOW average household income in the Commonwealth.

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From: Sue Hoffman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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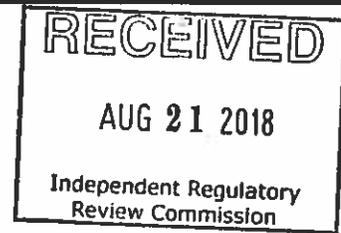
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For moral reasons, to create a more equitable community, I also support this regulation.

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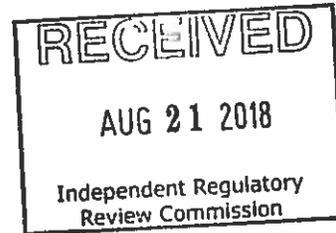
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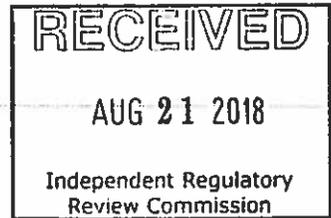
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Cc: Schramm, Robert (LI-OCC); Lengel, Michelle; Rapach, Jennifer Buchanan
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The basis of all strong economies today is a better balance between wages and profits. I am not a socialist but hey, we need to tax more so we can return to a strong country with a usable infrastructure for commerce. it is pretty obvious to me. Without good, equal and fair wages, we cannot maintain our economy for long. Therefore, I agree with the following:

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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.

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