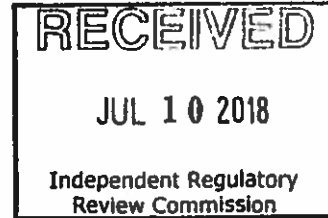


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Kathy Cooper

From: Smolock, Bryan <bsmolock@pa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 1:47 PM
To: IRRC
Cc: Kathy Cooper
Subject: FW: Minimum Wage comment



From: Amy Watt [mailto:amy@wattstruck.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 1:47 PM
To: Smolock, Bryan <bsmolock@pa.gov>
Subject: Re: Minimum Wage comment

Hello Bryan,

I can not find it in my email at this time. However, I oppose the increase of the minimum wage to \$15 per hour and doubling the salaries to \$47,000. I agree the minimum wage should have a small increase. What too many do not understand that by making these huge wage changes has a major effect on everything. As an employer of almost 50 people, this increases my costs very much, which in turn causes our company to raise prices. It is a major snowball effect. So in theory, what is the point? When all business have to extremely raise prices to cover costs, the numbers look better, but has no effect.

Also, too many people are trying to make a living at fast food places, etc., which were for high school and college students to make some money while in school. Maybe the government should look at education, so people have a chance to advance. I see too many job applicants that can not even write/print very well. It is really sad to see what our high schools are producing today. I think Pennsylvania should take a good look at California, where they did increase the wage and see how many business no longer exist. And how many are now on unemployment. Who wants to pay \$30 for a small pizza? I feel that a lot of small Mom and Pop business in Pennsylvania will close.

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On Tue, Jul 10, 2018 at 12:24 PM, Smolock, Bryan <bsmolock@pa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon. I received notification from the Independent Regulatory Review Commission that you sent a comment to me on the proposed regulation for Minimum Wage (<http://www.irrc.state.pa.us/regulations/RegSrchRsIts.cfm?ID=3213>)

I researched this and found your comment archived in my Quarantined spam folder. I am not able to retrieve it. Can you possibly send me your comment again in order for this to be rectified?

Thank you and my apologies on any confusion this may have caused you and your organization on this matter.

-Bryan