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Wednesday, August 22, 2018 11:17 AM

Sent: To:

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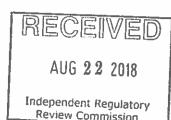
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This is a small step to help working Pennsylvanians receive just compensation for the hard work they do for their communities. We have gone way too long cutting taxes and putting the burden of society's needs on the back of working people without fairly compensating them.

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Farah Hynes <info@sq.actionnetwork.org>

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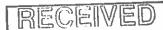
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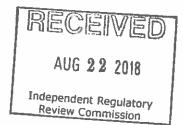
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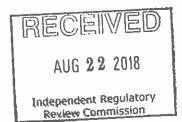
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Sent:

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Subject:

I Support The New Overtime Rule



Independent Regulatory Review Commission

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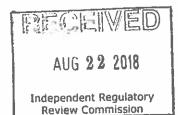
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