

**PETITION: TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

The Petition of the undersigned residents humbly sheweth;

**Whereas** NL has the greatest percentage of the workforce earning the provincial minimum wage in Canada, with women, youth and those from rural areas making up a disproportionate number of these workers; and

**Whereas** the minimum wage does not provide enough money for the necessities of life because a person earning minimum wage working 40 hours a week will make between \$21,320 and \$21,840 in 2015, which is barely above the Low-Income Cut-Off of \$20,065 for St. John's, and a working couple on minimum wage with two children will also make close to low income; and

**Whereas** in 2012 the Minimum Wage Review Committee recommended an increase in the minimum wage in 2013 to reflect the loss of purchasing power since 2010, and an annual adjustment beginning in 2014 to reflect the Consumer Price Index; and

**Whereas** Government instead legislated two 25-cent increases, one in October 2014 and one in October 2015, with no annual adjustment; and

**Whereas** eight provinces and territories will have a higher minimum wage than Newfoundland and Labrador by October 2015;

**WHEREUPON the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to legislate an immediate increase in the minimum wage to restore the loss of purchasing power since 2010, and an annual adjustment to the minimum wage beginning in 2016 to reflect the Consumer Price Index. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.**

**RAISE THE  
MINIMUM WAGE!**

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