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To: Ron Wild **Subject:** H.93

Mr. Wild,

I am writing regarding your collection of public comment on H.93.

I wholeheartedly support this bill. With over 60,000 Vermonters living below the federal poverty line--over ten percent of the state!--the existing low wage is clearly insufficient to support a vital, healthy state. I am a family physician in South Burlington, and I regularly see good, hard working Vermonters who are desperately struggling to make ends meet--and losing. This impacts almost every area of health, from poor nutrition to higher rates of cardiac disease and stroke. Implementing a higher minimum wage will help lift these people out of their dire situation and make our entire state stronger as a result.

Thank you, Sarah Hudson, M.D.