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I saw that you are collecting public comment for the public meeting on H.93 this Thursday. I wish I could attend, but sick kids and a very pregnant wife mean that I almost certainly can't make it!

I write in support of H.93. I am a Richmond resident and firefighter, and a senior medical student at UVM. Time and again I have seen the awful impact that poverty has on Vermonters. Obesity due to healthy foods being expensive, depression and anxiety from being overworked, under-rested, and unable to sufficiently provide for children. I have witnessed the poor health and socioeconomic outcomes for kids raised in poverty. And I believe that raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour is the first step for Vermont to address these problems. Increased wages will allow hard working families to support their own, leaning less on state support and building happier, healthier lives for their children.

This is an important step for Vermont to take, and I urge the House to move forward with H.93.

Thank you,  
-Mike