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Subject: comments on minimum wage

Hello,

I'm a Burlington resident who works three jobs to make ends meet. Because of my work schedule, I am unable to attend the public forum, but I feel passionately about this issue, so I am submitting my comments by email. I work hard, and do tasks that I believe contribute to the well-being of the city and its inhabitants--I care for children, work the polls at elections, create art and work as a personal care attendant. I, and many of my peers, are struggling to get by while working jobs that keep the town running and benefit society. We are trying to make our beloved city a better place but are being forced out of town or into poverty because minimum wage is so low, and minimum wage sets the tone of the payment "unskilled" workers get.

I strongly support the move to push for a \$15 minimum wage. It would allow me to save for my future, and give me the security of not losing my meager savings every time I have to pay a security deposit or an unexpected expense. Please support this legislation for the many struggling Vermonters like me. We want to stay here and invest in the city--we just can't do it at the rates we are being paid.

Best,

Wiley Reading