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Subject: Support for H.93

I am writing to voice my support for H.93.

As a former union organizer, I have seen time and again the huge benefit that receiving a living wage brings to families and to communities. And as a fourth year medical student at UVM, I see over and over the tremendous burden that poverty puts on Vermonters.

Workers paid under \$15 an hour typically provide over 2/3 of their family's income, which explains the more than 30,000 people in Vermont living below the federal poverty level. This is bad for people's health, it is bad for our children, and it is bad for Vermont, as workers leave for better paying, cheaper states.

H.93 begins to fix this issue, by putting more of our hard workers on a level playing field. It is vitally important for Vermont to pass this bill.

Thank you,
Nazey Gulec