

We Need to Ensure Wisconsin Workers Receive Fair Wages

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MADISON - Wisconsin was once a state that protected and prioritized its workers.

Under Walker's Wisconsin we are seeing stagnant wages, a shrinking middle class, and businesses fleeing our state. What's more, we are one of the bottom 15 states in the nation that have a minimum wage at the federal minimum. Hardworking Wisconsinites are the economic engine for successful local businesses and vibrant communities. The Fight for 15 is the frontline battle for economic justice of our day.

Wisconsin families should not have to choose between paying for housing, putting food on their table, or caring for their family. No one should be working a 40-hour week and still be living in poverty.

For these reasons, I am a co-sponsor of Assembly Bill 264, which would raise our state's minimum wage to a livable wage of \$15. Making sure our Wisconsin neighbors earn a fair day's pay for an honest day's work is a win-win for our state as it strengthens our local economy and businesses. My Democratic colleagues and I are committed to working towards a future that invests in our neighbors and creates family-supporting opportunities in our local communities.

Today, I again call on Governor Walker and legislative Republicans to raise the minimum wage in order to support building an economy that works for all of us, not just corporate interests and wealthiest 1%.

It is time to put an end to backroom favors for big dollar donors and special interests and return

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to our state's traditional values of prioritizing and rewarding our real profit creators: Wisconsin workers.