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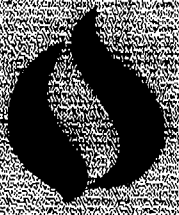

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March 10, 2000

The Honorable Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Hastert,

I write to you today on behalf of people of faith and goodwill to ask you to reconsider the coupling of the minimum wage legislation and your tax cut package into one bill. As you are aware, the President is now threatening to veto this bill that is so important to America's working families because tax cuts beneficial to so few are being included with a boost in wages that helps so many.

As a representative of people of faith, I am concerned that the needs of needy families are being used in this contentious and partisan political climate as a tool in the battle for control of the House, rather than being seen by policy makers as a constituency desperately in need of assistance.

I implore you not to put legislation as important as raising the minimum wage in the same context as providing tax cuts for limited segments of our populations in an attempt to energize a political base. This is the exact type of political maneuvering that the American public is desperately trying to end.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you consider submitting the legislation in two separate bills. Working families deserve no less.

Sincerely,

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United Church president releases statement joining other religious leaders in call for minimum wage increase

CLEVELAND — The President of the United Church of Christ today (March 7) released a statement supporting a letter sent by 18 religious leaders to President Clinton and the Congress urging that the minimum wage be increased $1 over the next two years.

"I am pleased to join with the other 17 leaders of denominations and national religious organizations who have sent a letter to President Clinton and to Congress calling for an increase in the minimum wage in two 50 cent increments, starting this year," said the Rev. John H. Thomas. "This legislation has already been delayed for more than a year and those who call for further delays in increasing the minimum wage should concede they have already won that

victory and move the process forward expeditiously."

In the letter sent to Congress and the President, the 18 religious leaders said, "So many of the working poor are in deep pain because of lack of sufficient income to provide for themselves and their families. We believe ... that increasing the minimum wage by $1 over two years would be one of the most compassionate and effective ways of responding to that pain."

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"Increasing the minimum wage is one way our nation sends the message that their work and their well being matter," said Thomas.

The United Church of Christ, with national offices in Cleveland, has more than 1.4 million members and some 6,000 local congregations in the United States and Puerto Rico. It was formed by the 1957 union of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

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[**EDITORS**: Here is the complete text of the statement released by the Rev. John H. Thomas, President of the United Church of Christ, supporting increasing the minimum wage.]

"I am pleased to join with the other 17 leaders of denominations and national religious organizations who have sent a letter to President Clinton and to congress calling for an increase in the minimum wage in two 50 cent increments starting this year. This legislation has already been delayed for over a year and those who call for further delays in increasing the minimum wage should concede they have already won that victory and move the process forward expeditiously.

"The proposal to increase the financial value of the minimum wage is certainly about overcoming poverty but it is equally about respect for the important work done for our society by those who are paid least. Child care workers and hospital attendants, for example, are often among our lowest income workers and yet it so important to our health and to the development or our children that they do their work well. Increasing the minimum wage is one way our nation sends the message that their work and their well being matter.

"Jesus was well acquainted with the burdened life of exploited workers. He said, 'Come to me, all whose work is hard, whose load is heavy; and I will give you relief. Bend your necks to my yoke, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble-hearted; and your souls will find relief. For my yoke is good to bear, my load is light' (Matthew 11:28-30, NEB). This beautiful statement from Jesus is not only a hymn of solidarity with those who contribute so much and are appreciated so little, it is a challenge to those who make policies to step away from competitive rhetoric and attitudes and attend to reweaving the fabric of social solidarity which must ultimately be based in equity and in caring for one another.

"Our statement as religious leaders is focused solely on increasing the minimum wage and that is as it should be. There is no need to for any trade-offs which benefit the wealthy because low-income workers would be helped. Instead, those most wealthy among us should realize that increasing the minimum wage is good for the economy and eases the need for government based low-income benefits. God has arranged the world so that justice is, at least in the long run, is good for all and an increase in the minimum wage is an excellent illustration of this principle."

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS ASK $1/HOUR INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE IN 2000-2001

March 7, 2000, WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Eighteen Jewish, Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Protestant leaders of denominations and national religious organizations today released a letter to President Clinton and Members of Congress which calls for two 50-cent increases in the minimum wage beginning this year.

The letter witnesses to their common conviction that poverty in the midst of abundance is unacceptable and that the standard of equality of opportunity rings hollow when minimum wage employees cannot provide an adequate economic base for their families.

The full text of their letter follows.

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STATEMENT ON MINIMUM WAGE

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"Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute.
Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy."
Proverbs 31:8-9 (NRSV)

Even as our nation continues to enjoy unprecedented prosperity and record low unemployment, the religious community is deeply dismayed by the increasing evidence that many people are not participating in this widespread affluence. As providers of a broad variety of services to people in need, we know that hunger is increasing among low-income working families, and that the lack of health care coverage and soaring prices for housing are undermining their well-being. The people who operate feeding programs in our congregations tell us that more and more children are being brought by their parents to church meal programs and food distribution centers. We are greatly troubled by the depth and extent of poverty among these vulnerable little ones.

Consequently we call on Congress to raise the minimum wage by 50¢ now and 50¢ in one year. Even this small increase would make a tremendous difference in the ability of low-wage workers to support themselves and their families. For a household with a full-time, full year worker, an additional $1 an hour would provide $2,000 more each year to meet the needs of the family, a significant improvement for those affected.

With an additional $2,000 of income, many families who now utilize soup kitchens and mass feeding programs would be able to eat most of their meals at home, providing nourishing food for their children in a familiar setting. Others would be able to move away from inadequate or dangerous housing, thus providing their children with safer places to live, study, and play.

We know that the great majority of minimum wage workers are adults and that close to half of them are the sole supporters of their families. In a nation that honors as a core value the right and responsibility of parents to attend to the welfare of their children, how can we tolerate the conditions that allow heads of households to work full time and still be forced to try to support their families on incomes that are substantially below the poverty level? How can we bear to have the children of working parents be dependent on charity for their clothes and food?

Our concept of justice holds that no person who works should be impoverished, and that no family which seeks to meet its own needs, however modestly it is able to do so, should live in want. Thus, we call on Congress to give prompt approval to the legislation now before it which would increase the minimum wage by $1 over two years.

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NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby Joins Religious and Government Leaders in Support of Increased Minimum Wage

***Washington, DC*:** Standing in solidarity with millions of people in the United States who must support themselves and their families in poverty-wage jobs, NETWORK, A Catholic Social Justice Lobby, has joined religious and government leaders in an urgent call for an increase in the minimum wage. According to NETWORK National Coordinator Kathy Thornton, RSM, "In an era of unparalleled economic prosperity, it is unconscionable that millions of hard-working people are forced to choose among feeding their children, finding adequate housing, and buying health insurance for their families. They simply cannot afford to do it all on the poverty-level income from minimum wage jobs. Clearly, justice demands that we do better. An immediate increase in the minimum wage is a small but important step in the movement toward a livable wage for all."

NETWORK is actively working to assure passage of legislation introduced by Representative David Bonior (HR 325) designed to raise the minimum wage over a two-year period. NETWORK opposes HR 3081, which extends this increase to a three-year period. NETWORK also opposes efforts to link a minimum wage increase to tax cuts that primarily benefit the wealthy.

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NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, educates, lobbies and organizes for just federal policies. Founded in 1971 by 47 Catholic sisters, NETWORK is supported by more than 10,000 groups and individuals committed to working for social and economic justice.

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Friends (Quakers) Call on Congress to Limit Tax Cuts When Increasing the Minimum Wage

Washington, DC — The Friends Committee on National Legislation (Quaker) called on House members today to support a minimum wage increase that will truly benefit the nation's poorest families.

Alternative proposals to increase the minimum wage exist, but we believe that only the bill offered by Reps. Bonior, Rangel, Phelps, and Sandlin will help to reduce the growing economic disparity between the poorest and the wealthiest in the U.S. Current Census Bureau figures reveal that, in 1997, the household income of the top 20% of all households was 49.4%, nearly as much as the bottom 80%.

The competing bill, introduced by Reps. Lazio and Shimkus, includes a tax-cut package which, it is estimated, will cost the U.S. about $120 billion over ten years and will primarily benefit the wealthy (by reducing estate taxes). Under the guise of helping minimum wage workers, the Lazio-Shimkus bill would likely increase the economic disparity in the U.S. and thus rachet up the distress experienced by poor individuals and families as they try to subsist on minimum wage jobs. We oppose this charade.

The Bonior-Rangel bill also includes a tax-cut package, however it is substantially more modest ($30 billion over 10 years) and is directed primarily at small businesses, many of whom will bear the brunt of any minimum wage increase. The tax-cut package in the Bonior-Rangel alternative minimum wage bill is thus designed to provide a more equitable response to the effects of the minimum wage increase.

We recognize that in this period of unprecedented economic growth and budget surpluses, tax cuts are very attractive. However, FCNL holds that this is not the time to markedly reduce government revenues (through tax breaks) but rather the time to invest in programs that benefit society, such as those that reduce the economic gap between the wealthiest and poorest in the U.S. We believe that the Bonior-Rangel alternative minimum wage bill, with its combination of a minimum wage increase spread over only two years and a tax-cut package that includes elements designed to assist lower-income workers, is an appropriate bill. FCNL believes that Congress should act to reduce the enormous and growing economic gap between the rich and poor by increasing the minimum wage and limiting tax cuts.

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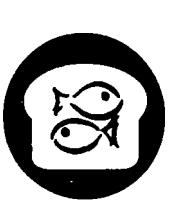
Founded in 1943, the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) is a public interest lobby organization that seeks to bring the concerns, experiences and testimonies of the Religious Society of Friends to bear on policy decisions.



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We religious leaders urge you, during this session of Congress, to pass legislation that will increase the minimum wage by $1.00 over the next two years. So many of the working poor are in deep pain because of lack of sufficient income to provide for themselves and their families. We believe, as does a high percentage of the American public, that increasing the minimum wage by $1.00 over two years would be one of the most compassionate and effective ways of responding to that pain. We believe that justice and compassion for "the least of these" demands that we act now.

This $1.00 increase would mean an additional $2000 per year for those working people and their families who are most in need of additional income; full-time workers who are paid the minimum wage. This $1.00 increase would lift a family of two out of poverty. The extra $2000 per year would buy approximately six months of groceries, or four months of rent; or seventeen months of tuition and fees at a two-year college. Surely in a time of enormous prosperity for so many, in a time when some among us have so much and some so little, we can do no less.

As estimated 18 million, five hundred thousand workers would benefit from a $1.00 increase in the minimum wage. Ten million, one hundred thousand workers, about 7½ % of the workforce, would benefit directly from a $1.00 increase. Of this group 69 % are adults (age twenty and older) and 60 % are women. Spillover effects of the increase would likely raise the wages of an additional eight million, four hundred thousand workers who currently earn up to $7.15 an hour.

We are aware that there are some who believe that increasing the minimum wage will increase unemployment. However, a number of recent studies, including one by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, do not support this belief. Bureau of Labor Statistics data show that employment increased and unemployment decreased, since the last increases in the minimum wage took effect in 1996 and 1997. Further, economists at the Economic Policy Institute studied the 1996-1997 minimum wage increases and found overall there was no statistically significant effect on job opportunities. Other studies could be cited.

Please support an increase in the minimum wage by $1.00 over the next two years so that justice may be done and compassion received.

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The letter is as sent to the House and Senate. Since then we have the 3 sign-ons mentioned.

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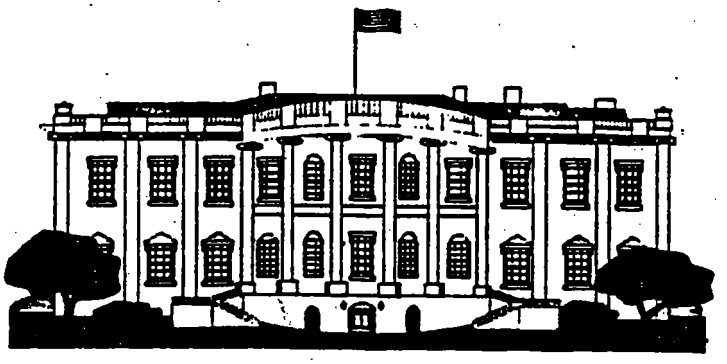

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Interreligious Working Group

on Domestic Human Needs/Justice for Women and Families

June 10, 1999

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

As faith-based organizations concerned about the growing difficulty experienced by low-wage workers in trying to support themselves and their families, we urge you to cosponsor and vote for legislation **(S 192/HR 325) increasing the minimum wage to at least $6.15 by September 2000.**

Despite the increase which took effect in 1997, the federal minimum wage still meets only the most minimal needs of a single individual and is even more inadequate for any family. A breadwinner working full-time all year earns only $10,712 -- which would force a family of three with only one paycheck to make ends meet on income $3,168 below the poverty line.

Such low wages in the richest country on earth are an affront to human dignity and to the basic sense of justice reflected in our religious traditions that "the laborer deserves to be paid." (e.g. Deuteronomy 24:15; Luke 10:7; 1 Timothy 5:18)

Experience shows that carefully staged increases in the minimum wage have benefited millions of workers with no net job loss. Seventy percent of the 11.4 million workers earning minimum wage are adults age 20 and over, and 59 percent of them are women. Forty percent of those earning the minimum wage are the only wage earners in their households. If we expect families to sustain themselves primarily by work rather than by a social safety net, then we must establish wages and benefits for working people that will achieve that goal. Raising the minimum wage by itself will not accomplish that goal, but it is a necessary step. To do less is to encourage those who would "sell ...the needy for a pair of sandals" and "trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth" (Amos 2:6-7).

With many families still languishing in poverty despite the booming economy, now is a good time to move the minimum wage another step toward adequacy. We hope you will consider supporting at the first opportunity the proposal to raise the minimum wage by 50 cents in September 1999 and another 50 cents in September 2000, as in the bills introduced by Sen. Ted Kennedy (S. 192) and Rep. David Bonior (H.R. 325).

Although this legislation would increase the minimum wage, this proposed increase is still far below the buying power of the late 1960s minimum wage which would now be worth $7.35 an hour in 1998 dollars. The proposed increase represents the kind of just and prudent step forward that can help millions of people.

Sincerely,

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