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To: Keiser, Andy

Subject: Jobs Email Update: Increasing the Minimum Wage, Protecting Jobs

I write to share with you an update on my efforts to grow small businesses in Michigan. I appreciate the opportunity to contact you.

Small businesses are the driving force of Michigan's economy. Giving these job providers incentives to invest in themselves and their workers means they do not have to choose between growing their business or hiring workers. Small businesses hire more people and create more jobs than any other sector of the American economy. In Michigan, we have already seen the loss of countless jobs in our single state recession, it is imperative that we keep small businesses strong and viable.

That is why I fought hard to ensure that Congress passed a balanced minimum wage bill that increases the hourly wage and also provides tax breaks for the businesses paying for the increase.

I am happy to report that on July 24, 2007, the minimum wage will increase to \$5.85 per hour. One year later, it would rise to \$6.55, and one year after that it would complete the increase to \$7.25 per hour.

I am also happy to report that small businesses will not bear the brunt of this added cost to their bottom line. By protecting the needs of both the employee and the employer, a critical need has been met that does not adversely affect the Michigan economy that we are all working to enhance.

Again, thank you for allowing me to contact you on this important matter. Please be assured that I will remain vigilant to ensure that the Eighth District of Michigan is well represented in Washington.

Sincerely,

Mike Rogers
Member of Congress



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