

ALERT

Legislative Alert # 159

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HOUSE TO TAKE UP MINIMUM WAGE TODAY

CALLS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!

The House is expected to take up a bill to raise the minimum wage this afternoon. Unfortunately, the Republicans have paired this crucial bill with their anti-worker Association Health Plan (AHP) proposal. AHP would eliminate important health care coverage protections established by states to protect consumers and the ability of states to prohibit discriminatory pricing based on age, gender, geography, and business size. AHP would provide favorable treatment of those who are young and healthy at the expense of those who have more complex health care needs.

We need you to contact your Representative immediately and tell them to **OPPOSE** a minimum wage increase that attaches any anti-worker language like AHP. This poison pill is a threat to millions of workers and their families who should not have to accept higher health premiums and the loss of important patient protections to get a much-needed increase in the minimum wage.

Please call your Representative TODAY and say:

“I urge you to vote against a minimum wage increase if any anti-worker provisions like the Association Health Plan language is attached. It is time to increase the minimum wage so that it provides a solid income for our low-wage workers. Yet, AHP is a poison pill that threatens millions of workers and their families. Vote for a clean minimum wage bill without anti-worker provisions.