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Honorable Jeffrey D. Klein
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Dear Governor Cuomo, Senator Skelos and Senator Klein:

The New York minimum wage should be raised and indexed to the rate of inflation. This common sense solution will not only ensure that minimum wage earners are properly compensated for their hard work, but will also mean that future legislators do not have to revisit this issue or rely on action from the federal government.

Our national and state leaders, President Obama, Governor Cuomo, and the New York State Assembly have made it clear that raising the minimum wage is a top priority. The Democratic Conference is prepared to provide 27 votes immediately to raise the minimum wage to at least \$9.00 an hour and to index it to the rate of inflation.

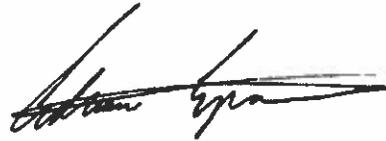
As we struggle to kick-start the New York economy and ensure a stable economic future for this state, we have the ability to create thousands of jobs and infuse millions of dollars in the state economy. Increasing the minimum wage is not only the right thing to do morally, it is the right thing to do economically.

With the Senate Democratic Conference and other Senators who have expressed support for an increased minimum wage indexed to the rate of inflation, we should be able to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,



Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Senate Democratic Conference Leader



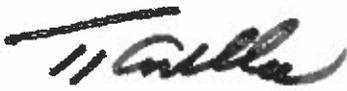
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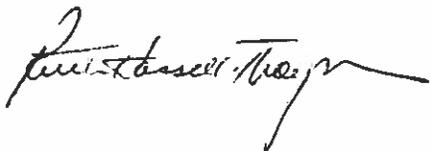
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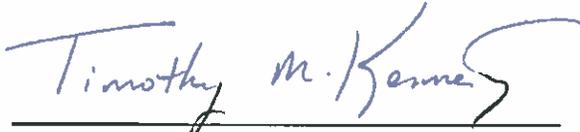
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