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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Steven C. Panagiotakos (BY REQUEST)**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General
 Court assembled:*

 The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the minimum wage.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Ms. Cindi Hevner | 744 Varnum AvenueLowell, MA 01854 |

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to the minimum wage.

 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 151 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

An employer, as defined in section 152A of chapter 149 of the General Laws, shall not employ a wait staff employee, service employee, or service bartender, as defined by said section, at a basic wage rate less than $3.63 an hour, and beginning on January 1, 2011, and on each January 1 thereafter, this basic tip wage shall be increased at the same percentage rate as the minimum wage rate.