A MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE IS BAD FOR AMERICANS
but don’t take our word for it

Business Leaders on Minimum Wage:

BILL GATES
“If you raise the minimum wage, you’re encouraging labor substitution and you’re going to go buy machines and automate things — or cause jobs to appear outside of that jurisdiction. And so within certain limits, you know, it does cause job destruction.”

WARREN BUFFETT
“I may wish to have all jobs pay at least $15 an hour. But that minimum would almost certainly reduce employment in a major way, crushing many workers possessing only basic skills.”

House Democrats on Minimum Wage:

REP. KURT SCHRADER (OR-05)
“One size does not fit all. The cost of living is different in rural areas towns and large cities. A new federal wage should take that into account.”

REP. SCOTT PETERS (CA-52)
“Fifteen dollars may be right for California where I live and I’m fine with it. But it’s not right for Perry County, Alabama. A lot of the big companies would be able to handle this but a lot of small companies would be adversely affected.”

Seattle Passed the Minimum Wage Ordinance:

University of Washington study on law’s impact:
“We conclude that the second wage increase to $13 reduced hours worked in low-wage jobs by around 9 percent, while hourly wages in such jobs increased by around 3 percent. Consequently, total payroll fell for such jobs, implying that the minimum wage ordinance lowered low-wage employees’ earnings by an average of $125 per month in 2016.”

The Seattle Times
“The law is causing those workers as a group to lose hours, and it’s also costing jobs, according to the latest study on the measure passed by the City Council in 2014.”