

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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From May 8th to May 9th, 2019, I debated the minimum wage bill on the House floor. After 14 hours of defending the bill, a vote was called and the bill passed. I may look tired, but my strength and confidence never wavered!

VICTORY, LANDMARK LEGISLATION!

On October 1st, the minimum wage increased to \$11 an hour.

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Left: Reflecting on the journey as the Governor prepared to sign the bill into law.



Right: Celebrating with my union brothers and sisters from 32BJ SEIU after the debate.

As chair of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, I had the honor of leading the House debate on the minimum wage bill. The debate lasted 14 hours, but in the end we prevailed. Thank you to my colleagues and all the supporters and advocates for keeping me strong as we fought the good fight.

On October 1, Connecticut's minimum wage rose to \$11 an hour, and we will reach \$15 an hour in 2023. This increase benefits 332,000 workers in our state, many of whom are working 2 or 3 jobs to stay afloat. This will lessen the stress and the struggle for people trying to make ends meet. It will also increase revenues in our local economies, benefitting communities that need it the most. After all, no one who works full time (or more!) should be living in poverty.

Teamwork makes the dream work and I am proud that our collective collaboration delivered us the victory! If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

THE FIGHT FOR \$15

Here is the schedule of minimum wage increases until we reach \$15:

- \$11 an hour on October 1, 2019
- \$12 an hour on September 1, 2020
- \$13 an hour on August 1, 2021
- \$14 an hour on July 1, 2022
- \$15 an hour on June 1, 2023

In 2024 and years thereafter, the minimum wage will be indexed to the rate of inflation, so we won't have to continue fighting for wage increases every year.

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