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Dear Community Advocates and Workers,

Low wage workers in Wisconsin are not only demanding higher wages but also a voice in their workplace so that they have the opportunity to live the American Dream. I stand with you in calling for an increase in the minimum wage and an increase in benefits for low wage workers. The 4th Congressional District which I represent was recently reported to have the 65th highest amount of income inequality in the nation. We will help build broad-based prosperity across my district and across the country by increasing the wages and benefits of low wage workers.

Poverty-wage jobs drag down our economy, our community, our state and the nation. Every working Wisconsinite should be paid enough to put food on her/his family's table and afford a roof over their heads. Companies should not profit from forcing their employees to rely overwhelmingly on public assistance programs such as food stamps and Badger Care to fill the wage deficit. While low wage and even middle class workers have seen their income shrink or stagnate, executives have seen their pay rise a staggering 726% between 1978 and 2011. During that same time period the S&P 500 rose 349% and the average private sector worker's pay rose only 5.7%.

A rising tide of increased pay and benefits would have a real impact on our community. It could lead to a better education system, decrease in crime, more money for shared public services and drastic drops in the high rates of poverty. I stand with all workers in Wisconsin and the nation as they call for higher wages. Workers should have the right to form/join a union and the chance to lift themselves and this community out of poverty through hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

Gwen Moore

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