



February 18, 2015

The Honorable Mark Leno
State Senator, 11th District
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 3: State Minimum Wage

Dear Senator Leno,


As mayors of California's largest cities, we write in support of SB 3, which will raise the statewide minimum wage to \$13 by July 1, 2017 and index the wage to the California Consumer Price Index.

California has the highest poverty rate in the nation with nearly 10 million Californians living in need according to recent US Census Bureau estimations. As mayors, we see the impact of this economic disparity first-hand. Raising the state minimum wage will improve conditions for millions of Californians while at the same time boosting our local economies. A statewide increase would help lift working families out of poverty and indexing the wage to inflation insures greater stability for local businesses by ensuring that real wages remain consistent.

For these reasons, we strongly support SB 3. Thank you for sponsoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,


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Mayor of Los Angeles


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Mayor of San Francisco



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