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Mr Tim Butcher
Low Pay Commission
Victoria House
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Re Consultation on the National Minimum Wage.

Dear Mr Butcher

I am in favour of a substantial increase in the National Minimum Wage, not only will this move serve to improve the circumstances of a huge proportion of the population of the United Kingdom but it will also serve to boost our economy by providing an almost certain increase in spending.

This has been substantiated clearly by research carried out in the United States, a 2009 study by the Economic Policy Institute estimates that President Obama's pledge to raise the minimum wage to \$9.50 by 2011 would inject another \$50 billion additional spending into the economy.

With growth in the UK economy now being back on the table a boost to the minimum wage will boost the economy but also take people off benefits.

At Blake Envelopes we employ a number of staff who would traditionally be included within the minimum wage category, both in our warehouse operation, and those who have joined us as apprentices, we consistently pay well above the NMW and are known in the local area as a Company that supports, develops and cares for its staff. In return we get excellent staff loyalty very high staff retention levels and are able to support the local economy.

I thoroughly support any move to increase the national minimum wage

Yours sincerely



Tim Browning
Director



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