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Dear Sirs

I am a business owner that employs 35 workers across 3 businesses, I am in support of raising minimum wage because :

- I believe it raises peoples own value of themselves- they gain confidence and it is reflected in their output volume and capability.
- Creates a happier employee- empowers them.
- Will force price rises especially in the service area which is good for the economy as the employees at this end need the most support.
- Puts spending money into the economy which creates wealth as most people in this bracket will spend any extra they receive.

In addition I believe apprentice workers should be paid more , they should be remunerated in a cumulative way with a bonus at the end of the course subject to receiving a qualification. Employers should receive a tax free payment from the government after say a year of employment of the apprentice after they have qualified- this will promote :

- Apprentices to learn trades
- Apprentices to finish the course
- Apprentices once qualified to get employed.
- Employers to employ keen dedicated apprentices which will be for the good of the business long term.

We look forward to an increase in these areas

Yours Sincerely

Jarl G Stacey.

