

## Summons for August Town Meeting “Catching up with the 1968 federal minimum wage”

### **A Serious Summons From the Citizenry to Rep. \_\_\_\_ or Senator \_\_\_\_ for a Town Meeting Exclusively on Raising the Federal Minimum Wage to \$10.50 Per Hour**

Whereas thirty million hard-pressed American workers are making less per hour today than workers made in 1968 – 45 years ago – adjusted for inflation;

Whereas these working poor – 83 percent are adults – cannot meet the necessities of life for themselves and their children with the obvious deleterious consequences for their livelihoods;

Whereas, worker productivity has doubled since the 1960s while executive pay of large corporations – that employ two-thirds of low income workers – has risen nearly 1000 percent;

Whereas, adjusted for inflation since 1968, the federal minimum wage, now stagnant at \$7.25 per hour, would be \$10.67 per hour;

Whereas, neither President Obama’s nor Rep. George Miller’s nor Senator Harkin’s minimum wage proposals come close to catching up with 1968 by 2016;

Whereas, only Rep. Alan Grayson’s bill H.R. 1346 requires \$10.50 per hour, 60 days after passage;

Whereas, a \$10.50 per hour minimum wage would be a major, immediate economic stimulus and expand employment;

Whereas, the moral case for catching up with 1968 is overwhelming and supported by 70 percent of the American people;

NOW HEREBY, the undersigned voters in your Congressional District (or your state) respectfully summon you to appear in person at a town meeting, during the August recess, at a convenient, public forum (preferably in a municipal building) to discuss exclusively the legislative necessity of a \$10.50 federal minimum wage for the working poor of our country who produce, serve and care for us each day. We look forward to an expeditious acceptance with time and place as soon as possible so as to prepare for a thorough dialogue with you.

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Print Name	Signature	Email/Address	Phone Number
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Following the submission of the above signatures, the effort will continue to secure additional signatures and community support for Congress’s raising the per hour wages of thirty million Americans to the 1968 level.

