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Honorable Mead Treadwell
Alaska's Lt. Governor
Alaska State Capitol Building
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Juneau, AK 99801

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Subject: Minimum Wage

Dear Lt. Governor Treadwell:

I write to comment on the minimum wage issue, Proposition 3 and request that you consider this letter my testimony concerning minimum wages. My opinion is very similar to the testimony offered by the National Federation of Small Businesses. Increasing minimum wage causes more problems that it cures. For instance it will:

- cause teenage unemployment to increase over time and
- eliminate the opportunity for elderly and disabled who do not have a lot of money to hire helping hands for small tasks.

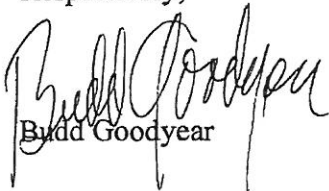
The history of minimum wage is clear; it eliminates opportunities for young people and burdens employers with higher costs which cause layoffs. Minimum wages fail to do anything but allow some politicians to add another special interest group to their base at the expense and detriment of the rest of us. In other words, minimum wages fail, period.

It has been said insanity is doing the same thing over and over again an expecting a different outcome. So it is.

My dad use to tell me when I screwed up on our farm, "the road to hell is paved with good intentions." And, so it is.

I oppose any increase in the minimum wage. I favor government NOT furthering programs that have long term negative effects on society and economic health.

Respectively,


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