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Sample Questions to Ask at a Town Hall Meeting on Raising the Minimum Wage

On Raising the Minimum Wage: Workers earning the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour haven't gotten a raise in five years. These workers are mostly women and are 35 years old on average. If the minimum wage had just kept pace with inflation over the last 40 years, it would exceed \$10.70 now. Raising the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 would raise wages for 28 million workers by \$35 billion. More money in the pockets of American workers means more spent at America's businesses, growing our economy and creating more jobs.

- *When researchers compared adjacent counties, one that had raised the minimum wage when the other hadn't, they found no job loss when the wage was higher. Do you support raising the minimum wage to at least \$10.10 an hour?*

For information on the impact of raising the minimum wage in your state, sample Letters to the Editor, and much more, see [Half in Ten's Minimum Wage Toolkit](#). For minimum wage information by congressional district, see [Oxfam America's interactive map](#).

For tips making the most of a town hall meeting, see this [tip sheet](#) from our friends at Bread for the World. If you go and ask a question, **let us know** by emailing CHN's Communications Associate Joanna Sandager at jsandager@chn.org.