

## Vote to Raise the Minimum Wage

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In the first 100 Hours of the 110th Congress, House Democrats Pass Promised Increase in the Minimum Wage

(Washington, DC)&mdash; On Wednesday, January 10th, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) voted to raise the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 cents an hour over two years. This proposal (H.R. 2) was part of the Democrats' First 100 Hours legislative agenda, all of which Rep. Rothman has co-sponsored. The House passed the minimum wage increase by a vote of 315 to 116.

"I promised my constituents that a new Democratic Majority would change our national policies for the better. Ensuring that working Americans received a higher wage was the right way to start. I am so pleased that the new Democratic Leadership in Congress was able to bring both parties together so that we could swiftly and successfully give our working families a long-overdue raise," said Rothman.

Nearly 13 million American workers and their families are expected to benefit from the wage increase. The Senate will next consider the bill and is expected to pass it. Once law, H.R.2 will mark the first time the federal minimum wage has been increased since 1997.

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