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**In the restaurant industry, 70% of servers earning a subminimum wage and living off tips are women.**

**Raising the minimum wage for the benefit of 29 million low-wage workers would only increase food costs at most by 10 cents a day for consumers.**

**I am willing to pay an extra dime a day for my food so that close to 8 million food system workers and 21 million additional low-wage workers can receive a much deserved raise to help them meet their basic needs.**

**I ask that you support the Fair Minimum Wage Act which would raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10/hour over the next 3 years and the tipped minimum wage from \$2.13 to 70% of the regular minimum wage.**

Part of a safe and sustainable food system is ensuring that the people that grow, harvest, process, transport, and prepare our food are treated fairly and with dignity.

According to a recent report released by the Food Labor Research Center at UC Berkeley, raising the minimum wage for the benefit of 29 million low-wage workers - including almost 8 million food workers - would only cost the average household about an additional 10 cents per day for food (see the report at [www.rocunited.org/dime-a-day](http://www.rocunited.org/dime-a-day)).

Almost one-third of food workers suffer food insecurity, meaning they are unable to access enough safe and nutritious food to meet their needs. Food workers rely on food stamps to meet their needs at 1.5 times the rate of the general workforce.

This has to change.

I am calling on Congress to increase the minimum wage (currently \$7.25/hour and for workers who receive tips \$2.13/hour). If you care about the people behind your food, please stand with me and urge Congress to support the Miller/Harkin Fair Minimum Wage Act. A dime a day is a small price that I am willing to pay so that 29 million workers can make ends meet!

First Name\*

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Why do you support raising the tipped minimum wage?

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Heather's story and more at

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#raise213 **about 1 hour ago**

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Done letting the corporations push workers around? Get in the fight Dec 5th. <http://t.co/tB3DreeiWx>

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The easy part? Recognizing that \$2.13 is unacceptable. @\_RajPatel on fair food + giving thx:

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