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Senator Hickman, Representative Sylvester and Members of the Labor and Housing Committee:

My name is Jean Ginn Marvin and I am a resident of Scarborough. I would like to testify in strong opposition to LD 1279 An Act to Increase Minimum Wage.

I know the sponsors of this bill are well meaning but I am here to tell you that this bill will harm the very people that they are intending to assist.

The single mom just getting by will simply be further behind than ever as the costs of many of the things she buys will increase. This is because all the people making \$12 to \$18 or so dollars will need a raise. This is an extreme hardship to our already challenged businesses and many more will fail.

The teens looking for their first job will be shut out of the market place. In 2019 The Nonantum Resort, where I am employed had 15 teens working in our Activities Program. This year there will be 6, and if minimum wage continues to increase we may do away with the program all together. In our little town we are known as the place you want your teen to get their first job. We have a great on boarding program and work hard with our young recruits to teach them how to be a great employee no matter where they work. It is an expensive proposition and the extra wages required now have pretty much torpedoed the program. We simply cannot afford to pay teens those kinds of wages.

I would urge you to rethink this plan and Vote Ought Not To Pass on this damaging bill.