



Dear Fight for \$15 coalition members,

I wanted to thank all of you for your hard work on our bill to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour ([SB 543](#)/[HB 664](#)). Unfortunately, the General Assembly session ended and this measure, which would have improved the lives of Maryland workers, did not pass the Senate or the House of Delegates. We may have lost this battle, but the fight is not over!

First, we would like to thank our champions Del. Shelly Hettleman (D-11) and Sen. Richard Madaleno (D-18), for sponsoring this legislation. As we all know, raising the wage would help 573,000 Maryland workers, lift thousands of families out of poverty, create new customers and profits for local businesses and strengthen our neighborhoods.

Second, we want you to keep up the momentum for this critical campaign! The General Assembly session is over, but election season is not – and raising the minimum wage is an issue that will matter at the ballot box. Maryland voters strongly support the Fight for \$15 and we will hold elected officials and candidates accountable in the upcoming elections.

Thank you again and stay tuned for more updates on this very important issue!

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