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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
235 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Boehner  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1011 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. Minority Leader:

On behalf of the nation's mayors, I am writing first to thank you for making the passage of legislation increasing the minimum wage a top priority of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. Further, I strongly urge all members of Congress to support this vital legislation which will provide our hard-working, low-income earners a well deserved raise.

The time for this badly needed legislation is long overdue. Twenty-nine states, the District of Columbia and numerous cities and counties have taken action to increase their state and local minimum wages above the federal minimum wage.

As you know, it has been 10 years since the federal minimum wage was increased. During that time, the cost of living has skyrocketed and imposed enormous hardship on low-income earners who struggle to pay for food, clothing, housing and home-related energy costs, as well as health care. A \$2.10 increase over the next two years will provide significant support.

Again, The United States Conference of Mayors strongly urges all members to support legislation increasing the federal minimum wage and we stand ready to assist you in any way to help ensure the passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas H. Palmer".

Douglas H. Palmer  
Mayor of Trenton  
President

cc: U.S. House of Representatives