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## **CHAMBER OPPOSES MINIMUM WAGE PROPOSAL**

As the leading business advocate for Genesee County, the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce is opposed to the legislation before the New York State Legislature to increase the Minimum Wage.

A survey of our membership indicates that an increase as proposed would be damaging to the economic health of our small businesses and the community in general. Raising the minimum wage as proposed will impact tourism, small businesses, farming, and not-for-profits. To address rising costs, employers have stated that they would have to eliminate jobs, or reduce workers' hours, or raise prices, or defer investments (or all of the aforesaid), none of which promotes economic growth.

The Chamber believes that the provisions of the proposal(s) currently before the Legislature would substantially hinder economic growth/recovery, increase the cost of doing business (inflationary), limit flexibility in retaining and hiring employees and in the end, result in fewer local jobs.

The Chamber is encouraging our elected officials to oppose the legislation as proposed.

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