

# Michigan Needs a Raise!

## ***\$6.85 by 2007***

**\$5.15** earns **\$10,712**  
for a full time year,  
no benefits, before  
taxes.

**8** years have passed  
since the minimum wage  
was raised, 1 year shy  
of a record.

**70%** of Michigan  
minimum wage workers  
are adults and

**40%** are the sole  
breadwinners for their  
families.

**350,000** signatures are  
needed by July 1 to put  
the measure on the  
ballot, with a vote in  
November of 2006.

## **Michigan workers deserve better.**

While corporate profits have soared in the past decades, wages for regular workers have declined.

The minimum wage has also been stagnant for the past 8 years, and this is dragging many working families right into poverty.

Michigan's families, workers, and students deserve better than a poverty wage for full-time work, in a time of unprecedented profits for corporations that exploit low-wage workers, like hotel chains, McDonalds and Wal-Mart.

However, both the state and national legislature have refused to act and raise the minimum wage.

Progressive forces in Michigan, such as Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice and ACORN, have united to demand a raise in the minimum wage to \$6.85 by 2007, with indexing for inflation.



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