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| ***CALL TO ACTION*****BILLS TO INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE TO $15 PER HOUR****TO BE VOTED ON BY THE SENATE BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE THURSDAY** |

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| Tomorrow, June 16, the Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee will consider [S-15 (Sweeney/Vitale)](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2016/Bills/S0500/15_I1.HTM) / [A-15 (Prieto/Wisniewski)](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2016/Bills/A0500/15_I1.HTM), which increases the minimum wage to $10.10 per hour on January 1, 2017, with annual increases of at least $1.25 per hour every year until 2021 when the minimum wage rate will reach at least $15.00 per hour.  Annual increases thereafter will be tied to the Consumer Price Index.  ***The $15.00 per hour rate minimum wage rate represents a nearly 80% increase over the current minimum wage rate of $8.38.*** Once voted out of Committee, [A-15 (Prieto/Wisniewski)](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2016/Bills/A0500/15_I1.HTM) and [S-15 (Sweeney/Vitale)](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2016/Bills/S0500/15_I1.HTM) can be voted upon by the full Senate as early as Thursday, June 23. |

[To read the Chamber's full testimony on this legislation, click here](https://www.chambersnj.com/CCSNJ/legislative_work/Position_Paper_Library/CCSNJ_Testifies_Against_A15_Prieto_Wisniewski.aspx).

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**HOW BAD THIS BILL IS FOR BUSINESS AND THE STATE'S BUSINESS CLIMATE!**

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