



HIGH ROAD RESTAURANTS

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Dear United States Congressmembers,

Thank you so much for your leadership during these most trying times. We hope this email finds you safe and healthy.

In late January, Representative Bobby Scott and Senator Bernie Sanders introduced the Raise the Wage Act. This bill includes eliminating the sub minimum wage for tipped workers. As a small business owner, I want you to know that I, and many other business owners like me, fully support and endorse the Raise the Wage Act.

Research has shown that restaurants flourish in states with a full minimum wage for tipped workers. We must stop with scarcity policies that hold working Americans down. This bill will lift millions of tipped workers out of poverty. If we give these Americans a raise, they will fuel our economy as we recover from the devastation of COVID. Our workers do not invest in Wall Street. They spend their money on Main Street, and that is where my restaurant is located.

President Biden's American Rescue Plan includes the Raise the Wage Act, which abolishes the subminimum wage for tipped workers. This bill is particularly important to restaurant owners, because restaurants that would like to pay our employees liveable wages are at a competitive disadvantage to restaurant groups that continue to leverage wages as low as \$2.13 per hour to keep the true cost of food and hospitality artificially low in the minds of consumers. We must protect and uplift the most marginalized in the restaurant sector and ensure that as we level the playing field, tipped workers are not left behind.

I urge you to support the Raise the Wage Act in its entirety as part of the American Rescue Plan.

Thank you for your good work today and everyday.

Sincerely,
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