



# Working New Yorkers Need Wages that Sustain a Family

**WITH PRICES RISING AT THE FASTEST RATE IN 40 YEARS, HIGHER WAGES CAN'T WAIT!**

**SENATOR JESSICA RAMOS** and **ASSEMBLYMEMBER LATOYA JOYNER** have introduced legislation (**S3062C/A7503B**) that would **increase New York's minimum wage**, with regional indexing to ensure rates keep up with the rising cost of living and with increases in workforce productivity.

## KEEP UP WITH RISING COSTS

Workers deserve wages that can sustain a family and keep pace with rising costs, but our minimum wage is falling behind. *Eighteen states and Washington, D.C. index their minimum wage to cost-of-living increases each year, so that it never falls behind again.*

## TWO MILLION WORKERS GET A TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR RAISE

New data from the Economic Policy Institute show that over two million New York workers stand to benefit from the increase, with an average wage boost of \$2,179 per year.

## REAL WAGE INCREASES STATEWIDE

Indexing the minimum wage would **raise the wage to \$20.45 in NYC, \$17.95 in Long Island and Westchester, and \$15.75 upstate** — all by 2025.

## WOMEN AND WORKERS OF COLOR BENEFIT THE MOST

Higher minimum wages benefit workers of all racial, ethnic, and gender categories, but women and workers of color benefit the most and have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and are recovering at a slower pace.

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## POLLING SHOWS STRONG BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

Recent polling data shows that increasing and indexing the minimum wage is popular across all regions of the state, including upstate and suburban areas. Among likely voters in New York:

- **81% support indexing the minimum wage to the cost of living including:**
  - 78% on Long Island · 89% in the Mid-Hudson Valley · 86% in NYC · 77% in Western NY
- **Two out of three** say raising the minimum wage would positively impact their local community
- **80% say raising the minimum wage would have a positive impact** on workers, including 74% of registered Republicans
- **92% think workers need to earn more than \$15** in order to have a living wage and decent standard of living — including 9 out of 10 registered Republicans

**Indexing New York's minimum wage** is a powerful way to improve the lives of countless working families across the city and state and reshape our economy so it works for all of us.