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Senator Robert I. Marshall
Legislative Hall
Box 1401
Dover, DE 19903

Dear Senator Marshall:

This is to advise that the Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce, representing a membership of nearly 1,300 businesses, has strong opposition to an increase in the minimum wage. The opposition is based on concerns expressed by our small businesses, as well as several larger corporate members.

While many of the Resort businesses already pay above the minimum wage, costs are currently at an all-time high for businesses. In addition to the unstable economic market, the passage of the Affordable Health Care Act will create a substantial increase in health care coverage cost for their employees. Businesses impacted by an increase in the minimum wage would need to find ways to cut expenses, which stymies creation of new positions and/or fewer hours for current employees.

We understand that the minimum wage bill is scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 2:30 PM in the Senate Hearing Room. We are requesting that our opposition and concerns be a part of the information and discussion.

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Carol A. Everhart
President/CEO

cc: Senator Patricia Blevins, Senator Margaret Henry, Senator Harris McDowell, Senator Karen Peterson, Senator Ernesto Lopez, Senator Gary Simpson, Senator Brian Pettyjohn, Senator Gerald Hocker, Senator Robert Venables, Representative Pete Schwartzkopf, Representative Stephen Smyk, Representative David Wilson, Representative Harvey Kenton, Representative Ruth Briggs-King, Representative Ronald Gray, Representative Daniel Short, Representative Timothy Dukes, Representative John Atkins, Representative Michael Mulrooney, Representative James Johnson, Representative Helene Keeley, Representative Edward Osienski, Representative John Kowalko, Andy Stayton, Mark Lally, Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors