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COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Keith Hall
Director, Congressional Budget Office
Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Director Hall:

On April 22, 2019, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its cost estimate for the Raise the Wage Act (H.R. 582), which was ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and Labor on March 6, 2019. The cost estimate did not include details of the legislation's impact on employment and family income, both of which are critical to the policy debate on the bill.

To help Congress better understand the broader effects of H.R. 582 in advance of floor consideration, I respectfully request that CBO provide an updated version of its 2014 report entitled, "The Effects of a Minimum-Wage Increase on Employment and Family Income," to account for various increases in the federal minimum wage. Furthermore, I would like to request that CBO provide a dynamic score of the Raise the Wage Act (H.R. 582). In CBO's score, please include details regarding the legislation's impact on employment and family income.

If your staff have any questions about this request, they may contact Gary Haglund at Gary.Haglund@mail.house.gov or 202-226-7270. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Womack".

Steve Womack
Ranking Member
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