

Good morning Senators,

My name is Adele Hruby and I am a waitress at 4B's Crossroads in Missoula, and a longtime member of UNITE HERE Local 427. I started working at 4B's in 1989 – this year I made roughly \$12,000.00.

I traveled here today – to ask you to vote 'YES" on this Bill to increase the minimum wage. We are talking about a raise for all of us who make less than \$6.00 an hour – not just those who make \$5.15.

As you can see – I am not a high school or college student trying to pay my way through school – or make extra money to buy a car or clothes. I am a working woman in this State – my husband is disabled so most of our income comes from my job. I have had my own health struggles the last few years – many years of working on my feet is beginning to wear me down – even though my job is better than most – I don't have health insurance or retirement. So I must keep working.

I am proud of the work I do and proud of the fact I can support my family – the increase in this Bill would make life a little easier for me and my husband.

Thank you