

# Petition to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

## Make the minimum wage a living wage

*We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Saskatchewan, wish to bring to your attention the following:*

Saskatchewan's minimum wage is presently the **second-lowest in the country, at \$11.06**. For the over 16,000 minimum wage workers in Saskatchewan, even full-time work does not come close to providing a stable, dignified standard of living.

For a family of four with two full-time workers, the minimum wage needed to afford essentials like rent, transportation and childcare is much higher – \$16.19 per hour in Saskatoon, and \$16.95 in Regina. Many low-paid workers, even if their wages are above the minimum, fall far short of this standard. A full fifth of the Saskatchewan workforce **earns less than \$15 per hour**.

Contrary to common claims, **low-wage work is not dominated by teenagers and students**. Most minimum wage earners in Saskatchewan are 20 or older, and most workers earning less than \$15/hour are over age 34.

Nor are low-wage employers mostly small local businesses. Business with over 100 employees have more minimum-wage and low-wage workers than businesses with under 100 employees.

**Saskatchewan's low-wage sector is dominated by large, often multinational, corporations.**

Minimum wage increases are also not job-killers, as often claimed. Despite Alberta's transition to a \$15 per hour minimum wage, it saw a steady *decline* in unemployment in 2017, **adding tens of thousands of new jobs in the service sector**.

By bringing its minimum wage in line with the actual costs of living here, Saskatchewan can ensure a **decent, stable standard of living for everyone who contributes to our economy**.

*We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan immediately prepare and pass legislation that will phase in a minimum wage of \$15 per hour or more for all workers, and provide regular increases to keep pace with inflation.*

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print)	Address (please print)	Signature

*Please return original copy of completed petition to:  
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