

KENNEDY, MILLER JOIN BUSINESS LEADERS IN SUPPORT OF A MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Washington, DC: As the Senate prepares to start the debate on the minimum wage on Monday, Senator Kennedy and Representative Miller will join business leaders who strongly support an increase. While opponents of an increase claim that it will hurt businesses, these leaders understand that a minimum wage increase is good for businesses and communities. In October, 650 economists, including 5 Nobel winners, urged lawmakers to raise the minimum wage.

Let Justice Roll, a faith-based organization dedicated to achieving a living wage, will unveil the hundreds of business leaders who have signed a petition in favor of the minimum wage increase. Senator Kennedy's and Representative Miller's bill --which passed in the House last week -- would raise the minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour in three steps; currently the minimum wage is \$5.15.

WHO: SENATOR KENNEDY

REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE MILLER

Edward Kuntz, Executive Chairman of the Board, Kindred Healthcare

Lew Prince, Co-owner of Vintage Vinyl

WHAT: PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE MINIMUM WAGE

WHEN: NOON ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

WHERE: 226 DIRKSEN SENATE OFFICE BUILDING