

U.S. Rep. Kind: Votes to give working families in Wisconsin a raise for first time in decade, calls on Speaker Vos and Majority Leader Fitzgerald to act in Madison

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Washington, DC—This morning, Rep. Ron Kind voted in support of the Raise the Wage Act, which would gradually raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$15.00 an hour over six years. The last time the minimum wage increased in Wisconsin was in 2009.

“Wisconsinites are long overdue for a raise. No one who works full time should be living in poverty—that’s not the American Dream,” said Rep. Kind. “What’s worse is that while our neighboring states like Illinois, Minnesota, and Michigan have acted and raised the minimum wages in their states, Republican leaders in Madison have sat on their hands refusing to do anything about it for a decade. Raising the minimum wage should be a state issue, but if states—like Wisconsin—aren’t going to act on their own and lift people out of poverty, then we need to. But given the fact that this bill is heading to the Senate, where it will almost certainly die, this should serve as a signal to Majority Leader Fitzgerald and Speaker Vos that’s it’s time to do something themselves and pass Governor Evers’ minimum wage proposal.”

Today, Rep. Kind sent a letter to Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Vos and Wisconsin

Senate Leader Fitzgerald urging them to pass Governor Evers' common-sense minimum wage proposal. Governor Evers' plan would gradually increase the state's minimum wage to \$10.50 an hour by 2023.