

# U.S. Rep. Fitzgerald: Co-Introduces Bill to Study Impacts of a \$15 Minimum Wage

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**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today, Congressman Scott Fitzgerald (WI-05) co-introduced the [Ensuring Economic Recovery Act](#) alongside his colleagues Ranking Member Blaine Luetkemeyer (MI-03), Reps. Beth Van Duyne (TX-24), Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27), Andrew Garbarino (NY-02), and Pete Stauber (MN-08). This legislation would direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to submit a report to Congress on small businesses' recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including what impact an increase in the federal minimum wage to \$15 would have.

Congressman Fitzgerald [introduced](#) a similar provision in an amendment at a [committee markup](#) of the Democrats' \$1.9 trillion budget reconciliation scheme last month. The amendment was voted down by Democrats.

*“Despite a report from the Congressional Budget Office that a \$15 federal minimum wage would destroy 1.4 million jobs, Democrats continue to advance this dangerous proposal. This bill will help us identify the challenges small businesses face as we recover from the pandemic and demonstrate the burdens a federal \$15 minimum wage would impose on them,”* **said Congressman Fitzgerald.**

*“As we recover from the economic effects of the pandemic, the government should be a resource to create jobs – not take them away. I’m proud to help co-introduce this legislation, it is my hope that this report will help deliver solutions for small businesses.”*

Read the full bill text [here](#).