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Victoria L. Bradshaw, Secretary
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William E. Dombrowski, Chairman
California Industrial Welfare Commission
California Retailers Association
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Dear Secretary Bradshaw and Chairman Dombrowski:

I am writing to petition the Industrial Welfare Commission to immediately carry out its responsibilities, pursuant to Section 1173 of the California Labor Code, and proceed with all due haste to increase California's minimum wage by one dollar over the next 18 months. Specifically, I urge the commission to set the minimum wage at \$7.25 per hour, effective September 1, 2006, and \$7.75 per hour, effective July 1, 2007.

Similarly, I have written Governor Schwarzenegger today to request he immediately take all appropriate actions within his constitutional authority to assist the commission in reconstituting itself and raising the minimum wage.

Now is the time to give California's minimum-wage earners a raise. They and their families need real money today, not political posturing.

Sincerely,

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