

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

1 Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., has long been committed to  
2 supporting the Federal government's efforts to provide for a just economic society for all  
3 Americans. For that reason, Hadassah supports the passage of legislation that seeks to raise the  
4 current federal minimum wage.

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6 Hadassah believes that, in this remarkable period of sustained economic prosperity, everyone in  
7 our society should benefit. Unfortunately, erosion in the wages of hourly workers is a major  
8 factor in a steadily widening income gap and the persistence of poverty.

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10 As the largest women's membership organization in the United States, Hadassah recognizes that  
11 minimum wage workers are disproportionately female. In fact, single heads of households that  
12 include children and who work full-time at minimum wage are living \$2,600 below the poverty  
13 level for a family of three.

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15 Hadassah applauds President Clinton's support of a minimum wage increase and calls on  
16 Congress to pass such legislation.

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