

# Pennsylvania Coalition to Raise the Minimum Wage

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# Alert to workers: \$6.25/hr minimum as of January 1st

Community leaders call on workers to stand up for their right to a raise with  
the New Year

**What:** Low-wage workers will join Labor, Religious and Community Leaders to mark the January 1st raise in the Pennsylvania Minimum Wage to \$6.25 per hour. Members of the coalition will hand out coupons reading "Good for an extra \$1.10 per hour (some restrictions apply)."

**Who:** John Dodds, Coordinator, Raise the Minimum Wage Coalition  
Pat Eiding, President, Philadelphia AFL-CIO  
Rev. Randy Barge, Calvin Presbyterian Church  
Worker

**Where:** Outside The Gallery, at 10th and Market St., Philadelphia.

**When:** Noon, December 28th

**Quote:** "If your boss is paying you less than \$6.25 an hour starting January 1st, he's probably breaking the law. A few employers are exempt, but it's more likely you're working for someone trying to get away with underpaying you." -John Dodds, Coalition Coordinator

"Only employers with the equivalent of ten or fewer full time employees can pay less than \$6.25 per hour in Pennsylvania, but hardly any of these low-wage workers are in shops that small. This law applies to every worker in the whole state." Lance Haver, Phila. Consumer Advocate.

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The Raise the Minimum Wage Coalition believes the Federal Government has waited too long to raise the Minimum Wage. It has been stuck at \$5.15 per hour since 1997. The Coalition started in February 2005 to raise Pennsylvania's minimum hourly rate to \$7.15. It includes a wide array of unions, community organizations, advocates and religious leaders statewide. The Philadelphia Unemployment Project convened the group and the Commonwealth's General Assembly voted the increase in July 2006.

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**Member Organizations:** Philadelphia Unemployment Project, UFCW 1776, SEIU 32BJ, AFL-CIO, Pennsylvania ACORN, Presbytery of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Council of Churches, Keystone Research Center, Local 464, PA Federation of Teachers, PA Education Association, AFSCME, CATA - Mushroomworkers Union, Trinity United Methodist Church of Lebanon, Action Alliance of Senior Citizens, Local 1199C, Jewish Labor Committee, Project H.O.M.E., Jobs with Justice, Women Vote PA, Congreso Unidas Latinos, Student Union, Mon Valley Unemployed Committee, LeHigh Valley Action Coalition, Poor People's Caravan for Christ, Community Legal Services, PathwaysPA, District Council 47