

PRESS RELEASE
Minimum Wage & Women

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YWCA's across NYS often see women at the most vulnerable points in their lives. We see women who have just lost their jobs, women are recently divorced or are fleeing an abusive relationship. We see the effects of historical and ongoing low compensation for work typically performed by women and people of color. Therefore we believe that raising the minimum wage will help many of the families we serve.

Raising the minimum wage will help reduce the gender wage gap and help stimulate the economy in NYS. Increasingly, women's income makes up a larger portion of a family's budget. Additionally, we have seen a dramatic rise in the number of families for which women are the primary bread winners. Women are responsible for making the majority of family purchases. It is most often women who buy groceries and school clothes. It is these regular and on-going purchases that keep an economy growing. Increasing the minimum wage will also allow women and people of color to build wealth by increasing their ability save and invest.

Overall raising the minimum wage will help women, people of color and our economy.

for every woman