

## RELEASE: Governor Sununu Vetoes Common Sense Minimum Wage Increase

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#### **GOVERNOR SUNUNU VETOES COMMON SENSE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE**

**CONCORD** – Late on Friday afternoon, Governor Sununu again vetoed legislation that would have established a minimum wage for New Hampshire. House Bill 731 was delivered to the governor’s office on July 23 and did not have to be acted on until Tuesday July 28. As amended, House Bill 731 would raise the minimum wage to \$10 per hour in 2021 and \$12 per hour in 2023. After the veto, **Representative Brian Sullivan (D-Grantham), chair of the House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee**, released the following statement:

“The coronavirus pandemic has put families across the state in tough financial situations. Many people who have lost employment due to the virus have been just getting by thanks to state and federal unemployment benefits, but those cannot last forever. People working in lower wage jobs simply don’t have the financial reserves to survive, and that is in large part due to our state’s incredibly low minimum wage.”

“Every year, we fall further behind neighboring states as they continue to gradually increase their minimum wage and we fail to reestablish one. The fact the Governor Sununu again vetoed a gradual, modest increase in our minimum wage over the next three years shortly after vetoing paid family and medical leave and increased protections for workers returning to work shows just how out of touch he is with workers and families across our state.”

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