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For an interview with Barbara Gray
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Hello my name is Barbara Gray; I'm a mother and a grandmother. I've worked all of my life mainly in minimum wage jobs. I've been on my current job close to five years now and I still only make \$5.15 an hour. The company that I work for doesn't give raises; at least that's what they tell me whenever I ask for one.

I work full time and all the over time I can get. I live alone, and pay my rent in two parts every month. I can't afford to pay other household bills and buy food at the same time, so I eat at hot meal sights and go to food pantries for groceries.

It's sad that the minimum wage is so low that a single person working forty to fifty hours a week can't afford to feed herself.

A raise in the minimum wage would make it possible for me to have a decent meal at home and not worry about where my next meal is going to come from.