Arlene Jorgensen From: MacDonald, Terry To: 2/21/2005 10:53:34 AM Date: Subject: Fw: Fwd: Minimum Wage Ordinance Terry, Here is another one. >>> "Tony Zielinski" <tzielinski@wi.rr.com> 2/19/2005 11:07:48 AM >>> Arlene, please forward this to the clerk for the finance committee to be entered on the record as studies supporting the common council's findings for the minimum wage. Tony ----- Original Message -----From: <psfendt@uwm.edu> To: "Tony Zielinski" <tzielinski@wi.rr.com> Sent: Friday, February 18, 2005 10:06 PM Subject: Re: Fwd: Minimum Wage Ordinance > The 1995 book I mentioned during my testimony is by David Card and Alan > Krueger. > "Myth and Measurement: The New Economics of the Minimum Wage" > > They analyzed wage and employment data in a number of different ways and > concluded that minimum wage increases in the 80s and 90s did not have > negative > effects on employment, in fact the effect was the reverse, employment > levels > INCREASED. Quoting from their concluding chapter: > > "We find that the rise in the minimum wage led to increases in wages for > affected workers. The wages of teenagers, other workers with low > predicted > wages, and employees in the retail trade and restaurant industries > increased as > a result of the increase in teh federal minimum wage. IN EVERY CASE, > HOWEVER, > THE ESTIMATED EFFECT OF THE MINIMUM WAGE ON THE CORRESPONDING EMPLOYMENT > OUTCOME WAS EITHER ZERO OR POSITIVE." (emphasis added) > DWD materials from the governor's task force are online at > > www.dwd.state.wi.us scroll down the left side > > Another great resource is Economic Policy Institute > > www.epinet.org scroll down on left side to issues guides -- minimum > wages > > Pam Fendt > > Quoting Tony Zielinski <tzielinski@wi.rr.com>:

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>> Thanks!
>> ----- Original Message -----
>> From: <psfendt@uwm.edu>
>> To: "T. Anthony Zielinski" <TZIELI@milwaukee.gov>
>> Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2005 4:27 PM
>> Subject: Re: Fwd: Minimum Wage Ordinance
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>> > Here is one tool for comparing cost of living in different communities
>> > I found it by searching "city comparison tool" on google.
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>> > http://houseandhome.msn.com/pickaplace/comparecities.aspx
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>> > I will send references for minimum wage studies in another email.
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