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The Honorable (Full Name)
(Room) (Name of Office Building)
United States (House of Representatives) (Senate)
Washington, DC (Zip Code)

Dear Senator/Representative (Last Name):

My name is Full Name, and I am the owner of (name of bowling center(s)), based in (district or state) for (number) years. Bowling centers are the hearts of our communities. I'm proud of the company we have grown and the people we employ. **I am writing to request that you oppose federal legislation increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.**

A \$15 federal minimum wage would be a threat to my business, costly for our community, and hurtful to the people that share in its success. **The cost of a federal minimum wage increase of this magnitude would be impossible for my business to absorb, forcing me to cut hours, increase prices for our customers, or reduce my small workforce.** It is critical that Congress finds the right pace for wage increases that account for small businesses and geographic differences. Additionally, in the spirit of unifying our nation, Congress should approach any changes to the federal minimum wage with bipartisanship.

Small businesses like my own cannot withstand additional severe financial strain that would come with a \$15 federal minimum wage, especially considering the immediate and long-term impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has been an extremely challenging time for my business and the more than 3,500 bowling proprietors across the country.

Thank you for your leadership through this challenging time for our state and nation. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue with you over a call. Additionally, I invite you to visit our bowling center so you can meet our employees and members of our community.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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