



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement from Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins Regarding Raising the Minimum Wage

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“The last time the minimum wage was raised the Senate Democrats correctly pointed out that this was simply a half measure that would have to be addressed again, and here we are three years later. We must learn from history and recognize that to truly lift people out of poverty we must adequately raise the minimum wage. The Senate Democratic Conference would have a tough time supporting anything that goes slower or lower than what the Governor has publicly proposed in his budget.”

### **Background:**

- [03.20.13 Leader Statement On Minimum Wage Increase](#)
- [NYS Senate Democrats: Minimum Wage Hike Deal Has 'Serious Issues'](#)
- [Wage War](#)
- [NY Democrats Push For Stronger Minimum Wage Package](#)