

If your Member of Congress doesn't support raising the minimum wage, you've got to let them know they're out of step and that if they keep putting politics ahead of working Americans, you'll put them out of office. Tell them to reconsider. Tell them it's time for \$10.10. You can tweet at them: Use hashtag #1010Means. Let them know how raising the minimum wage would help you or your family or somebody that you know. And while you're at it, tell them to restore unemployment insurance for Americans who are trying to support their families right now while they look for work. Extending this lifeline of unemployment insurance would actually strengthen the economy and create jobs and give millions of Americans across the country a sense of hope.

In the meantime, I'm going to keep offering my support to every business owner and mayor

and Governor and county official and legislator and organization that's working to give America a raise. Because change does not come from Washington, it comes to Washington from all the folks out there who were working hard. Americans want the people they send here to set aside the old political arguments and move this country forward. With enough determination and enough persistence, the American people will ultimately win out.

So thank you. God bless you. God bless the United States of America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:02 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Rep. Joseph L. Barton. He also referred to Executive Order 13658, which is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

## Statement on the Hawaii Legislature's Passage of Legislation To Raise the Minimum Wage

April 30, 2014

The Hawaii Legislature did the right thing for their workers by taking action to increase their State's minimum wage to \$10.10. I commend the State legislature and look forward to Governor Abercrombie signing the bill into law soon. Hawaii joins a large and growing coalition of States, cities, counties, and businesses that have given their citizens and employees the raise they deserve. This important step

in Hawaii is yet another sign that the American people support raising the minimum wage, and I urge Republicans in Congress to follow Hawaii's lead and lift wages for 28 million Americans. With a Senate vote on this crucial issue planned for today, it's time for Republicans in Congress to listen to the majority of Americans who say it's time to give America a raise.

## Remarks Honoring the 2014 National and State Teachers of the Year

May 1, 2014

Well, welcome to the White House. Let me start off by saying thank you to a leader of unbelievable passion and expertise and dedication, somebody who every single day wakes up and thinks about three things—either his family, basketball—[laughter]—or how to give every child a world-class education—our Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan. [Applause] Hey!

I also want to thank our Members of Congress who are here today. I am thrilled to have

them here and always encourage all Members of Congress to focus on education and teachers. And I am thrilled to be welcoming all our State and national teachers of the year. So give them a big round of applause. Good job.

This is a phenomenal group, in addition to being very good looking. [Laughter] The best of the best. And they'd be the first to say that they're only here because they're surrounded by outstanding teachers who give all to their students every single day. Today is a chance to