

# New Jersey Workers Deserve a

# RAISE

**In January, Chris Christie vetoed legislation that would have raised New Jersey's minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50 an hour.** The legislation also would have allowed for yearly cost-of-living increases to the minimum wage so wages keep up with inflation.<sup>1</sup>

**Christie said the minimum wage increase was, "A one-sided approach that will reverse New Jersey's economic progress by taking a step backwards."**

He vetoed the wage increase even though the cost of living is about 30% higher in New Jersey than the national average.<sup>2</sup>

**It's not a big surprise The Star-Ledger called Christie's veto, "Another blow to the working poor."<sup>3</sup>**

Sources: (1) The Star-Ledger, 1/28/13; ThinkProgress, 1/28/13 (2) Governor's press release, 1/28/13; Annual Minimum Wage Commission Report, December 2008 (3) The Star-Ledger editorial, 1/29/13.

**It's time to  
take action.**

**It's time to  
increase the  
minimum  
wage.**

This November, voters like us can increase the minimum wage to \$8.25 and tie future increases to inflation, securing a better living for New Jersey's workers.

**Vote YES on the New Jersey Minimum Wage Increase Amendment.**