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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 88

This support is based on the position of the LWVUS that everyone has "the right to an income...adequate to meet basic needs for food, shelter, and access to health care."

Being able to provide for oneself and pay for the essentials of life require a decent wage, no matter what the person's age or whether the individual is starting a new job. Thus, excluding the two categories addressed in HB 88 from minimum wage standards needs to be corrected.

Frankly, even with the minimum wage, people have to struggle to make ends meet, but to go below that is inhumane. To meet one's basic needs when earning below minimum wage can force an individual to pursue very unhealthy choices – perhaps to work several jobs, an exhausting prospect; or to generate supplemental income under the table, which we certainly don't want to see happen.

We urge the Committee to approve HB 88 and allow it to move forward.
