

Cheevers, Michael LBR:EX

From: Cheevers, Michael LBR:EX
Sent: July 31, 2018 1:48 PM
To: Correspondence Services LBR:EX
Subject: RE: 55779: Minimum Wage Fallout

Hi Sophia!

Yes – please assign this as a DM reply.

Thank you,

Mike

From: Correspondence Services LBR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 11:21 AM
To: Cheevers, Michael LBR:EX
Cc: Correspondence Services LBR:EX
Subject: 55779: Minimum Wage Fallout

Good Morning Mike,

Premier's office is asking if we can respond to the incoming below, Minister Bains also received the exact same incoming.

Could we assign this one out as a DM reply obo PJH?

Please confirm and CB can assign out for a response.

Thank you!

Sophia

From: Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 11:16 AM
To: Correspondence Services LBR:EX
Subject: FW: Minimum Wage Fallout

Hi there!

Is this something that your ministry could respond to?

Thanks for letting me know and Happy Friday!

Kayla

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 11:29 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Minimum Wage Fallout

Dear Premier Horgan

I will start by stating that I am not a business person, I am one of the ordinary, retired, citizens of BC. Over my life s.22 mentally handicapped individuals who I got to know. I also have had 2 friends who fostered a number of mentally handicapped individuals, one of those people adopted one of her foster sons. Through my job I also had a lot of interactions with the mentally handicapped. One friend is involved in a business that employs mentally challenged individuals. One of the things that I learned from associating with the mentally handicapped and with their care givers is the need they have to feel a part of the overall society. A regular job gives them structure, gives them meaning, gives them a social life (note, many scientific studies have indicated that socializing is extremely important to physical and mental health). So, what does the Minimum Wage have to do with these individuals? Recently I was talking to the friend that has a 26 year old mentally handicapped son. When I asked how he was doing, she told me that because of the minimum wage increase and the rules that surround that increase his boss was forced to lay he and another mentally handicapped individual off. The owner told my friend that she cannot employ individuals who cannot do \$12.65 worth of work (couple that with the new health tax and these small businesses get hit with - a double whammy. She had these individuals employed for more than 2 years and was happy to have them but they did work at a lower production rate.

You talked about being there for ALL British Columbians - I am wondering how these people fit into your government's plans? Instead of having more money, they now have no money (ok, I will concede that they may get a disability pension now - hmm, let me see, being gainfully employed, feeling like you belong, contributing, socializing and having meaning, or sitting around all day with nothing to do, hmmm).

It's too bad that your ideology is academic, that it does not really take into account the ramifications of people on the fringes - like the physically and mentally handicapped. I guess they are collateral damage, but hey, they probably don't vote, so, no real fallout at the polling booth. I guess they are also not part of the "We're here for all British Columbians" - too bad, I thought you honestly cared about them. I was wrong.

s.22