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**Wisconsin Council on Children and Families Statement in Opposition to Senate Bill 147,
preemption of local wage ordinances**

“Long overdue, increases in the minimum wage achieve undeniable significance in the lives of low income children and families in Wisconsin. Because the Legislature has chosen to reject an increase of the minimum wage, across the state communities have determined their economic situation warrants an increase. Preemption of local laws undermines that democratic system. Ideally, the minimum wage would be raised statewide. However, that increase should not prohibit an individual community ability to determine, through a legal democratic process, that their economy is different and needs an increase in the living and minimum wage. A full time minimum wage worker makes about \$10,712 per year. According to the Department of Workforce Development, 47% of minimum wage workers are over 25. Nearly, 2 out of 3 minimum wage workers are women.”