

Business Lobbyist Mad Libs

Prepare your own pro-poverty wage testimony!

No matter whether it's about wages, sick days, equal pay, or even child labor laws, business groups always use the same old scare stories, nonsense anecdotes, and goofy exaggerations. It's all so predictable you can get an advance copy... with a game of Mad Libs. Fill it out with a friend, then listen up during testimony and you might be surprised how close you get to the silly things they actually say!

Raising the minimum wage may sound _____, but I just know that higher wages hurt more
ADJECTIVE
_____ than it helps. It's _____ 101: if you increase the cost of
OCCUPATION, PLURAL SCHOOL SUBJECT
_____ it means fewer _____.
A RESTAURANT SUPPLY FOOD, PLURAL

Already, we've seen communities bordering _____ that look like they were hit by a
STATE BESIDES WASHINGTON
_____. It's no coincidence that our minimum wage is basically _____ times
NATURAL DISASTER NUMBER
more than theirs. Then consider paid sick leave, equal pay, and laws protecting _____. It's
SOMETHING FRAGILE, PLURAL
a miracle _____ hasn't already picked up and moved all their locations there!
NAME OF NATIONAL CHAIN

And let's think about young people like my _____. I don't understand why
TYPE OF RELATIVE
_____ -year-olds should be supporting their families in these jobs when we have
NUMBER GREATER THAN 30
_____ kids who still need to learn basic skills like how to _____.
INSULT SOMETHING TODDLERS DO

Let's be clear: we are already talking about the _____ minimum wage in the nation. If that's
WORD ENDING IN -EST
so great, why not _____ dollars? Why not _____ thousand? Why not
NUMBER GREATER THAN 100 NUMBER LESS THAN 25
_____?
EXTREMELY LARGE NUMBER

Higher wages may be popular, but I _____ ask for your opposition to raising people out of
ADVERB ENDING IN -LY
poverty. Otherwise I may have to get a _____ job myself.
ADJECTIVE ENDING IN -ER