

**Subject:** increase of restaurant wages

ARE YOU KIDDING????? We own a small neighborhood restaurant and barely make it now. Between the outrageous sales tax, property tax, school tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, income tax.....New York State is taxation hell. Oh, yes, let us not forget the newly imposed floor tax and all beer and wine in house. That's what you call double taxation. Pay tax in house, pay tax when it's sold. To grant a raise of that capacity to a server who could be making some hearty tips, is extremely unfair to the business owner. Then we will incur the additional raise in pay and the the taxes that follow it. Overtime after 8 hours? Please spare us. New York State doesn't support small business at all! If this goes thru we might as well sell our business and become a server, because they will be making more money then some of the CEO's in small business. This state is ridiculous!

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