

As of April 17, 2013

While the Rehoboth Beach – Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce has already sent a minimum wage increase opposition letter, businesses who oppose the minimum wage increase can utilize the below Minimum Wage Business Opposition Letter Template (provided below) and send same to members of the House Economic Development/Banking/Insurance/Commerce Committee also noted below.

Members of the House Economic Development/Banking/Insurance/Commerce Committee:

Their emails are their first name, then a period, then their last name followed by @state.de.us. With the exception of Representative William's email, it is Dennis.E.Williams@state.de.us.

Example email: bryon.short@state.de.us

Representatives Bryon Short – D (Chair), Dennis E. Williams – D, Paul Baumbach – D, Andria Bennett – D, Ronald Gray – R, Quinn Johnson – D, Helene Keeley – D, Charles Paradee – D, Jack Peterman – R, Michael Ramone – R, Jeff Spiegelman – R.

Dear Senator _____, *(fill in the blank)*

Or

Dear Representative _____, *(fill in the blank)*

Please be advised that _____ *(fill in name of business)* has strong opposition to an increase in the minimum wage.

My business as well as many of the other Resort Area businesses already pay above the minimum wage, and costs are at an all time high.

SB 6 with SA 2 will be heard in the House Economic Development/Banking/Insurance/Commerce Committee in the near future and it is important that members of the committee understand business concerns regarding government interference in market place economics.

As a small business, I have struggled over the past few years with an economic downturn, increase cost of doing business, such as business tax increases, a 20% increase in worker's compensation rates which is coming this fall, the expiration of the payroll tax holiday, doubling of the unemployment tax surcharge, and the increase of the health insurance cost related to Obama Care.

This is not the time to add additional cost to small business. Businesses impacted by increase will need to find ways to cut expenses which stymies creation of new positions and/or fewer hours for current employees.

Help me keep my business doors open and vote NO when the committee considers releasing the bill.

Sincerely,

_____ *(your name)*

_____ *(name of business)*