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Taxpayer Group WILL RATE a Vote AGAINST HR 2, “UN-fair Minimum Wage Act”

Today the House of Representatives will continue its long march toward socialism, the majority leadership’s “100 Hour Agenda.” H.R. 2 would increase the minimum wage by 41%, killing job opportunities for the poorest Americans at the lowest end of the wage scale. *This truly cynical bill is feel-good medicine for limousine liberals, but a one-way ticket to the unemployment line for the working poor.*

The Republican opposition will offer a common-sense package of tax and regulatory relief for small businesses so that that these poor workers are not adversely-affected. In particular, this vital package will:

- Extend for one year increased small business expensing so that entrepreneurs can immediately-deduct more technology and equipment, rather than being forced to slowly-deduct or “depreciate” them. This also puts small business expensing on the same schedule as the remainder of the major pro-growth tax cuts enacted in law;
- Accelerate the depreciable life of restaurants to a more realistic 15 years from the currently-draconian 39 years;
- Eliminate the “temporary” federal unemployment surtax of 0.2%, yet another “temporary” tax increase that never went away;
- Allow small businesses to band together across state lines to purchase health insurance for their employees more cheaply and without state government unfunded mandates.

The majority will almost certainly rule this common-sense motion as non-germane. When that happens, a point of order vote will occur on germaneness. **ATR will score that point of order vote. In the event the motion is made in order, ATR will score the motion itself.**

ATR WILL RATE A VOTE ON THIS BILL