

## Adams Celebrates Inclusion of Minimum Wage Increase in COVID-19 Stimulus



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### North Carolina 12th district



Number of workers affected:	<b>146,000</b>
Avg. annual wage increase per affected worker (2021\$):	<b>\$4,200</b>
Avg. annual wage increase per affected worker as a percent:	<b>18%</b>
Total annual wage increase for all affected workers (millions, 2021\$):	<b>\$616</b>
Number of 16-to-24-year-olds affected:	<b>42,000</b>
Share of 16-to-24-year-olds affected:	<b>71%</b>
Number of 25-to-54-year-olds affected:	<b>89,000</b>

Share of 25-to-54-year-olds affected:	<b>27%</b>
Number of 55-year-olds and older affected:	<b>16,000</b>
Share of 55-year-olds and older affected:	<b>24%</b>
Number of working women affected:	<b>80,000</b>
Share of working women affected:	<b>36%</b>
Number of working men affected:	<b>66,000</b>
Share of working men affected:	<b>28%</b>
Number of 'Asian or other' workers affected:	<b>11,000</b>
Share of 'Asian or other' workers affected:	<b>28%</b>
Number of Black workers affected:	<b>66,000</b>
Share of Black workers affected (%):	<b>40</b>
Number of Hispanic workers affected:	<b>38,000</b>
Share of Hispanic workers affected (%):	<b>56</b>
Number of white workers affected:	<b>31,000</b>
Share of white workers affected:	<b>17%</b>

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*Adams is pushing to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 by 2025*

**Charlotte** – Today, **Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12)** celebrated legislation included in the House COVID-19 stimulus package that would raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 by 2025.

“The labor and sacrifice of our essential workers deserves to be recognized and rewarded. That is why I am proud to celebrate the inclusion of a minimum wage increase in the Education and Labor Committee’s portion of the FY21 budget reconciliation bill, which enacts President Biden’s American Rescue Plan,” **said Rep.**

**Adams.** “For too long, the employees who make American life as we know it possible have done so for poverty-level wages; and the devastating impacts of COVID-19 have only made the need for a livable wage more clear. This historic legislation, which raises the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025 and lifts nearly 1 million

people out of poverty, brings us closer than ever to achieving true justice for our workers.”

Earlier this year, **Adams** and other Democratic leaders introduced the ***Raise the Wage Act of 2021***, which would gradually raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 by 2025. Congress has not increased the federal minimum wage in over a decade, making this the longest stretch without an increase since the minimum wage was first established back in 1938.

The **[Economic Policy Institute reports](#)** that an estimated 146,000 workers would receive wage increases if a \$15 per hour minimum wage is passed by Congress and signed into law. Of those 146,000 workers, 80,000 are women and 66,000 are Black. 12th District workers benefiting from the legislation would see an average annual wage increase of 18% or approximately \$4,200 in 2020 dollars.

In 2006, as a Member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, Adams was able to successfully pass a one-dollar-an-hour increase in North Carolina’s minimum wage, which lifted the wages of over 100,000 workers state-wide.

**Congresswoman Alma Adams** represents North Carolina’s 12th Congressional District (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County). She serves on the House Financial Services Committee, on the House Committee on Education and Labor as the chair of the Workforce Protections subcommittee, and on the House Agriculture Committee as vice chair.

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