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KENNEDY STATEMENT ON MARYLAND MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

I commend the Maryland legislature for increasing the state's minimum wage. Maryland is one of many states and communities across the country to recognize that no one who works for a living should have to live in poverty. These states are acting because year after year, Congress has failed to act, and more and more hard-working Americans are paying an unfair price. I hope 2006 will be the year Congress finally responds to this overwhelming public outcry and raises the minimum wage for all Americans.

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