

\$10 MINIMUM WAGE — NOW

WHEN IS THE GOVERNMENT GOING TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$10 AN HOUR?

Over one million working people in Ontario earn less than \$10 an hour. They need a \$10 an hour minimum wage NOW.

The real value of the minimum wage is still far below what it was 30 years ago in every single province in Canada. (*CUPE Economic Brief , September 2006*)

The low level of minimum wages is a major factor behind Canada's high rates of poverty and economic equality. Almost 5 million Canadians, including 1.2 million children, were living in poverty in 2003, according to the National Council of Welfare. (Ibid.)

The single most effective step to raise working families out of poverty is to raise the minimum wage.

Anti-poverty groups, unions, social justice organizations, health organizations, housing groups, womens' organizations, living wage coalitions are all calling on governments to raise the minimum wage NOW.