

# Business Lobbyist Mad Libs

## Prepare your own pro-poverty wage testimony!

*No matter whether it's about wages, sick days, equal pay, or even child labor laws, business groups always use the same old scare stories, nonsense anecdotes, and goofy exaggerations. It's all so predictable you can get an advance copy... with a game of Mad Libs. Fill it out with a friend, then listen up during testimony and you might be surprised how close you get to the silly things they actually say!*

Raising the minimum wage may sound \_\_\_\_\_, but I just know that higher wages hurt more  
ADJECTIVE  
\_\_\_\_\_ than it helps. It's \_\_\_\_\_ 101: if you increase the cost of  
OCCUPATION, PLURAL SCHOOL SUBJECT  
\_\_\_\_\_ it means fewer \_\_\_\_\_.  
A RESTAURANT SUPPLY FOOD, PLURAL

Already, we've seen communities bordering \_\_\_\_\_ that look like they were hit by a  
STATE BESIDES WASHINGTON  
\_\_\_\_\_. It's no coincidence that our minimum wage is basically \_\_\_\_\_ times  
NATURAL DISASTER NUMBER  
more than theirs. Then consider paid sick leave, equal pay, and laws protecting \_\_\_\_\_. It's  
SOMETHING FRAGILE, PLURAL  
a miracle \_\_\_\_\_ hasn't already picked up and moved all their locations there!  
NAME OF NATIONAL CHAIN

And let's think about young people like my \_\_\_\_\_. I don't understand why  
TYPE OF RELATIVE  
\_\_\_\_\_ -year-olds should be supporting their families in these jobs when we have  
NUMBER GREATER THAN 30  
\_\_\_\_\_ kids who still need to learn basic skills like how to \_\_\_\_\_.  
INSULT SOMETHING TODDLERS DO

Let's be clear: we are already talking about the \_\_\_\_\_ minimum wage in the nation. If that's  
WORD ENDING IN -EST  
so great, why not \_\_\_\_\_ dollars? Why not \_\_\_\_\_ thousand? Why not  
NUMBER GREATER THAN 100 NUMBER LESS THAN 25  
\_\_\_\_\_?  
EXTREMELY LARGE NUMBER

Higher wages may be popular, but I \_\_\_\_\_ ask for your opposition to raising people out of  
ADVERB ENDING IN -LY  
poverty. Otherwise I may have to get a \_\_\_\_\_ job myself.  
ADJECTIVE ENDING IN -ER