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Hon. Christine C. Quinn
224 West 30TH Street, Suite 1206
New York, NY 10001

Dear Speaker Quinn:

The Village Independent Democrats (VID) applauds your support of the revised version of the Fair Wage For New Yorkers Act and urges the New York City Council to move forward with this legislation now as an initial step toward ensuring that a satisfactory wage sufficient to provide food, clothing and shelter is provided to all workers and their families in New York City.

The current proposed bill excludes manufacturing, and businesses earning \$5 million or receiving less than \$1 million in city subsidies. It apparently will affect only about 1,000 workers, and therefore leaves out multitudes who, even though they dutifully work every day and "play by the rules," are left without enough income to live in New York City. Even the proposed \$10 wage will be for many insufficient for basic living needs.

VID calls for further action and a more expansive and inclusive living wage guaranty for our minimum wage community.

VID urges you to move forward immediately with the Fair Wages For New Yorkers Act as a first step, and for the Council to pursue a wage guaranty bill to ensure that all New Yorkers who work earn enough to live.

Very truly yours,

Jonathan Geballe,
President