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**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Today, the Florida hourly [minimum wage raises to \\$10](#), thanks to Florida’s voter-approved constitutional amendment to raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour incrementally by 2026. Just yesterday, a Florida Republican lawmaker filed [SJR 382](#), a bill that would propose amending the Florida constitution to allow corporations to pay workers a “training wage” that is less than the minimum wage voters approved.

**Representative Angie Nixon (D-Jacksonville)** offered the following:

“We should all be celebrating that about 2.5 million of our hard working friends, family, and neighbors will be able to earn a minimum wage of \$10 per hour today. That’s about \$400 per week for a standard 40-hour work week. Folks will be better able to take care of their kids, pay for a roof over their heads, buy groceries, and medicine. That equates to the freedom to live healthy, prosperous, and safe, something we Democrats believe everyone deserves. Florida voters understood the power of taking matters into their own hands, instead of relying on politicians to get it done, and they voted overwhelmingly to raise the wage!

“Now, the Republicans insist on using this week, not to inform their constituents of this important change, but to allow large corporations to pay workers less than the minimum wage for six months, with no guarantee they’ll be hired full-time afterwards. Republicans need to stop trying to help their corporate donors undermine what Florida voters demanded in our constitution and let workers earn the living wage they deserve.”

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