



AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

# LEGISLATIVE ALERT

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## Ted Kennedy to Struggling Employees: Drop Dead

Senator Teddy Kennedy (D-MA) has introduced an amendment (SA 3546) to the class-action reform bill currently before the Senate. It would raise the minimum wage by 36%, to \$7.00 per hour.

It certainly is nice of Senator Kennedy to worry about the little people every once in a while. Maybe he should hold off on his noblesse oblige condescension, though. Independent studies going back for decades have conclusively demonstrated that every time the minimum wage is hiked, marginal workers lose their jobs. A single mother working as a waitress or a high school kid flipping burgers at McDonald's will find themselves out of a job thanks to Ted Kennedy's "compassion."

**Americans for Tax Reform strongly opposes raising the minimum wage.** Employers and employees should be able to be responsible adults and work out the terms of their employment. If an employer offers too low a wage, no one will work for him, anyway. Government paternalism might be fashionable where Senator Kennedy comes from, but it's a jobs killer in real America.

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