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## **Official Statement Regarding “One Fair Wage” Ballot Proposal:**

**LANSING, Mich** - It is irresponsible and dangerously out-of-touch to pursue yet another increase to Michigan’s minimum wage, which is already scheduled to increase for the fourth straight year in January 2018. It is not surprising, however, given that the One Fair Wage group is funded almost entirely from out-of-state interests who either don’t know or don’t care how their policies impact real people in Michigan.

It is even more reckless to force Michigan into the distinct minority of states that have eliminated the tipped minimum wage, which will irrefutably harm Michigan’s second largest private employer and only serve to diminish opportunities for those that need them most.

We find it ironic that the One Fair Wage group chose Detroit, a city whose thriving restaurant community has played a major role in the city’s historic economic comeback, to launch their ill-conceived, job-killing proposal.

The restaurant industry is proud of its unassailable reputation as an industry of opportunity that provides 1 in 3 Americans with their first job and the Michigan Restaurant Association will continue to fight to ensure those opportunities continue in Detroit and throughout the great state of Michigan.

- Justin Winslow  
President & CEO

### **About the Michigan Restaurant Association**

Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA) is the recognized leader of Michigan's hospitality industry, providing essential services to the foodservice community. Founded in 1921, the MRA represents approximately 4,500 Michigan foodservice establishments. The industry plays an integral role in Michigan's economy, employing more than 435,000 people and generating \$15.9 billion in annual sales.

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