

Please consider the following arguments in making your decisions. The minimum wage is less than half of a living wage. That by itself is a hardship. Tipped workers need at least the minimum. In Upstate NY many restaurants lay people off as tourism declines in the colder months. Sometimes a worker must spend a couple of months finding new work. There is usually some delay in receiving unemployment benefits. For employers to pay sub minimum wages even with tips is pushing the financial burden onto the employee. Making the difference up to the minimum wage between wages and tips earned isn't enforced, so there is widespread abuse. I know people who have worked in this industry. If you have any more questions you can reach me at my email address, bjpease@hotmail.com

Sincerely,
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