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NY State wage board,

It would be a terrible thing to raise the minimum wage for the restaurant industry. We independent operators cannot absorb the costs. We will have to raise prices which adversely affect sales. I believe they will actually lose money with the general public thinking they do not have to tip as much. Just look at the Canadian system. Their staffs do not make what our staffs make per hour. There is not a server or bartender that doesn't make at least twice the N Y State minimum wage in a so-so restaurant. The service industry is basically a part time job for people to subsidize their home or students looking to help them make it through school. A yearly wage has nothing to do with the fact of how much they make per hour. Every one of my employees are part time BY CHOICE. They average \$25.00 per hour with tips. I only wish I could make that much with the hours I put in. You should enter the restaurant business and actually understand how it works.

I will do one of two things. Raise prices or add a minimum wage tax to each check. Either option is not a good one.

Do your homework and get the facts straight.

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