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There is a tipping point in an already stretched industry and this may be it. For our small, family operated business this idea that our servers make less than minimum wage is just not true and misleading. Even though we work along with our employees, we still make less a week than our servers. It's been two weeks since we haven't been paid a penny because the reality of the business, quarterly sales tax, payroll tax, tax, tax, tax..., high electricity bills, fire department, health department, equipment breakage, insurance rip off, etc, etc, etc...I can fill a quarter of this page with all regulatory and non regulatory fees we have to pay besides the weekly bills.

Front of the house employees (tipped employees) make much more than salaried employees in the kitchen who make \$11/hr as dishwashers, \$12/hr as prep. The idea that more should be paid by the business is not going to benefit the very people who claim that need to be paid more by the restaurants because they makes less than minimum wage. It will only further damage the dreamy concept that owning your own restaurant is even a good idea. So often I wonder why I keep doing this work when the only beneficiary is the government taking the excess it collects in absurd ways with absurd reasons; then this will push me to just go and make the line and ask for food stamps, free rent checks and free healthcare. Why bother! I will sleep better, work less and live longer....what are we doing colleagues??  
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