



## Press Release

# Recent State Minimum Wage Increase Will Result in 1.7 Million Lost Jobs

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The American Action Forum released a new report by its Director of Labor Policy Ben Gitis examining the job implications of the state minimum wage increases taking effect in 12 states and the District of Columbia over the next several years. The report finds that these increases in the minimum wage will result in 1.7 million lost jobs throughout the United States over the next several years, 261,000 of which will be lost in 2018 alone. Over 75 percent of the job losses will occur in California and New York.