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News Statement

Homeless Coalition praises minimum wage bill agreement

St. Paul—On April 7, Minnesota lawmakers announced an agreement to raise the minimum wage to \$9.50, indexed to inflation. The Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless strongly supports this legislation.

“A full-time worker should have the opportunity to afford stable housing. The minimum wage increase is a huge step forward for thousands of families who cannot afford a place to live,” Liz Kuoppala, Executive Director of the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless stated.

Approximately 1 in 4 homeless adults in Minnesota work part-time; 1 in 12 work full-time. About 60 percent of homeless workers earn \$10 per hour or less, according to [Wilder Research](#).

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The Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless is a statewide organization comprised of 150 direct service providers. Our mission is to generate public policies, community support, and local resources to end homelessness in Minnesota.