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Now is not the time for another large minimum wage increase

Restaurants Canada launched new website

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Restaurants Canada is recommending that the government :
- Postpone minimum wage increases until the economy improves
- Retain the liquor server wage (scheduled to be eliminated Oct. 2016)
- Introduce a youth wage

Mark von Schellwitz, Restaurants Canada's Vice President Western Canada, says, 'Our Alberta members are already struggling to survive and maintain employment during these challenging economic times. A 50% increase in wages over just three years would be difficult to absorb at any time. But during a recession, our members have said such an increase would lead to a reduction in jobs, hours and wages for the very people the wage hike is intended to help.'

The Alberta government begins formal consultations June 6.

Restaurants Canada is a growing community of 30,000 foodservice businesses, including restaurants, bars, caterers, institutions and suppliers. We connect our members from coast to coast, through services, research and advocacy for a strong and vibrant restaurant industry. Alberta's restaurant industry directly employs more than 150,000 Albertans, representing nearly 7% of the province's work force.

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