

Dear Representative,

My name is Lauren Devard. I am 20 years old. I live in Bear, Delaware with my Mom and Dad - Samtra and Leonard Devard, and my younger brothers - Sam and Solomon. Some of my hobbies include - music, dancing, singing, drawing, designing fashion, and cooking. I am someone who has joy and loves to spread joy.

I attend the Adult Integration Program (AIP) in the Colonial School District. I am entering my last year and I am looking for a good paying job doing what I love - working with and greeting people.

I want to use my voice to ask you to help me and my friends to not only find work but work that pays the same as other young adults our age doing the same jobs. We work very hard. We do a good job. We should be paid the same as anybody else. It should not be allowed to pay anyone less than the minimum wage.

My independence and my goals are important to me. Earning a good wage that values my work helps me to reach my goals.

Please vote for doing away with paying someone less than the minimum wage.

Thank you for taking time to talk with me about this important issue.

Lauren Devard

***Using my voice to promote - The Importance of HOPE***

