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Minimum Wage Hike Not Needed in Booming Economy

Dear Madam/Sir:

No one waters the lawn when it's raining. So why is the NDP pressing for a minimum wage hike when the economy is booming and incomes are on the rise?

British Columbians should not rely on a \$2 minimum wage increase to get ahead. Naturally rising incomes from BC's robust economy and tight labour market make the NDP's minimum wage hike proposal irrelevant. Employers are desperate for skilled workers and are paying generously and above the minimum wage to fill job vacancies. Employees haven't enjoyed salary bargaining leverage like this in years.

The real challenge facing BC's economic growth - and consequently rising incomes - is the labour and skills shortage. Overly prescriptive wage controls are not the answer. What's needed are innovative and flexible employment and labour laws that help employers meet the demands of business and BC consumers.

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