

Creating Opportunity Jobs Plan Highlights

Minimum Wage - Makes hard work pay by raising the minimum wage from \$9 to \$9.60 on January 1, 2016

Minimum Tipped Wage – Raises the rate paid to tipped workers by \$1 in two steps to \$3.89, beginning Jan. 1, 2016.

Earned Income Tax Credit - Expands the Earned Income Tax Credit from 10 percent to 12.5 percent

Meals on Wheels - Increases funding for Meals on Wheels so seniors can stay healthy and nourished in their homes

Social Security Benefits - Exempts Social Security benefits from taxes for low- and middle-class Rhode Islanders

Foster Families Funding - Increases funding for foster families, the first in over a decade

Affordable Housing - Provides \$3 million to finance the production and preservation of affordable housing including young workers and seniors