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Weissman, Cale Guthrie. "Is a \$15 National Minimum Wage Actually Feasible?" *Fast Company*, 27 Apr. 2016, www.fastcompany.com/3059278/election-2016/is-a-15-national-minimum-wage-actually-feasible. Accessed 10 Sept. 2016.

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Raise the Minimum Wage. National Employment Law Project, www.raisetheminimumwage.com/. Accessed 11 May 2016.

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Rolf, David. *The Fight for Fifteen: The Right Wage for a Working America*, assisted by Corrie Watterson Bryant, The New Press, 2016, *Google Books*.

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Tsao, Tsu-Yu, et al. "Estimating Potential Reductions in Premature Mortality in New York City from Raising the Minimum Wage to \$15." *American Journal of Public Health*, vol. 10, no. 6, June 2016, pp. 1036-1041, doi:10.210/AJPH.2016.303188.

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