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**Mass High Tech Council President Chris Anderson's statement on S. 1925  
(An Act to restore the minimum wage)  
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“Any debate on increasing the minimum wage should be balanced and coupled with proposals to reform our state’s Unemployment Insurance system by bringing benefit and eligibility requirements in line with a majority of other states. Failure to balance costs of social reforms with business economic realities will, in the long term, drive business and growth out of the state. The state Unemployment Insurance System imposes a heavy burden on the ability of small and medium-sized businesses to hire as a result of our second-highest-in-the-nation payroll tax on employers. A successful legislative proposal will also abandon automatic increases or indexing of the minimum wage because this removes an opportunity for future public debate and discussion around issues that are critical to economic growth.”

Note: MHTC supports reforms as follows: bringing benefit duration to 26 weeks; and changing the workforce attachment requirement to 20 weeks.

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