

Who Minimum Wage Increases Bite

Results from the Current Population Survey and Survey of Income and Program Participation

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Abstract

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