Dear Prime Minister Helen Clark,

1. I believe the youth minimum wage of 80% of the adult rate for 16 and 17 year olds should be removed immediately.
2. Young workers don't get to stack shelves 20% slower than their older workmates, they don't get to flip burgers 20% slower - it is unfair to pay young workers less. The practice is inconsistent with the International Labour Organisation Convention that outlaws unequal payment for work of equal value.
3. Treasury research found that earlier significant increases in the youth minimum wage had no adverse effects on youth employment or hours worked. Some companies like BP Oil and Postie Plus have already moved in 2006 to get rid of youth rates.
4. I ask you as Labour leader to ensure that the Labour caucus will support Sue Bradford's bill ending youth rates for 16 and 17 year old workers.

Name	Address	Signature

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