



Free the Franchisees! Fight Assembly Bill 257

- With the signing of [Assembly Bill 257](#) into law, California became the only state in the nation – **EVER** – to seize control of all wage and workplace decisions from fast-food franchisees who saved to buy the American Dream of business ownership.
- Control was handed over to a new state agency **unelected** and **unaccountable** to the public.
- Among the many other decisions this new state agency will get to make is whether to add as much as **\$6.50 an hour on top of the state's minimum wage rate**, which is already scheduled to rise to \$15.50 statewide on January 1, 2023. That's \$6.50 per hour, per year, per employee.
- Economists predict AB 257 will cause **food costs to rise by 20%**.
- NFIB and its coalition partners succeeded in delaying AB 257 from taking effect until the voters decide by a referendum on the November 2024 General Election ballot whether it should remain a law.
- Now, the education process starts. **We need you to be part of it.**
- **Join NFIB and its coalition partners in the fight to stop the government takeover of the American Dream. This will be the battleground for the future of free enterprise.**

