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Outline: Minimum wage should be increased to $10.10 an hour

I .Introduction

A. Hook: minimum wage should be 21.72 an hour (1)

B. Problems of current rate of 7.25

1. Not able to survive even on full-time

C. **Thesis: The minimum wage should be increased to $10.10 to help low wage**

**workers.**

D. What 10.10 can do

1. Bring 1 million above poverty line

2. Help families in need

II. Body

1. Full-timers cannot earn enough to live on their own
2. Interview with Crystal Dupont: an full-time minimum wage worker (2)
3. Cannot afford daily necessities: Car,gas,electric,food,etc
4. How she tries her best to earn as much as she can for family
5. Quote: “I try to live within my means, but sometimes you just can’t.”
6. 15000 is the average income of a full-time worker and is not enough
7. Chart: Poverty line of American families. (3) ( Visual 1)

- Legally living in poverty if there are 2 or more people in house

1. Minimum wage calculator (4)

I cannot live on my own

1. Life story
2. Mom is a low wage worker, and dad is looking for a job
3. In order to pay for summer classes for my college, I am doing a job

on the side.

1. What raising minimum wage to 10.10 can do
2. Bring one million out of poverty (5)
3. College students will be able to focus on studying instead of working for summer school tuition
4. 46% Fulltime workers are over 25 (6) (Visual 2)
5. Could be parents or college students

III. Conclusion

1. Minimum wage as of now is not enought to sustain a family of low wage workers
2. Raising the minimum wage to 10.10 will help out the families that are struggling

C. Ending statement: Making a parent like Crystal Dupont choose between electricity or

gas for the month is just not right at all.

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