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The Problem With Minimum Wage

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Abstract — In this presentation, I will explain the problem with minimum wage and how it is not realistic for someone or a family to be able to live off of it through presenting my research on the average minimum wage, working hours, and costs of living (rent, loans, debt, transportation, food).

I. INTRODUCTION

Minimum wage needs to be raised in the United States. When one considers the costs of the average rent, loan, debt, transportation fees, and food, it becomes increasingly obvious that one cannot realistically survive off of a minimum wage alone. Raising minimum wage would make it so that those who do not have skills or degrees can survive more comfortably in this society.

II. FINDINGS

Minimum wage across the country is relatively small and impossible to live off of compared to the costs of living in certain states. It is not realistic to expect people to be able to survive off of it alone.