**Economics**

**Minimum Wage Essay**

**Due Date:** Tuesday, April 4

**Task:**

Construct an argumentative essay addressing the following:

**“To what extent is the following statement valid? *Oregon’s new minimum wage law will help working Oregonians who have trouble affording basic necessities*.”**

**Evidence:**

* Persuasive arguments must be supported through the use of relevant economic arguments.
* Reponses should draw upon the sources provided on our class website, as well as additional sources found by the student.
* Evidence should be woven into a focused and convincing argument.
* Response should include appropriate citations throughout.

Key Questions to consider:

* Is the current minimum wage enough to live on?
* Who would be most affected by an increase in the minimum wage?
* Does raising the minimum wage kill jobs?
* Does raising the minimum wage increase prices?
* Are there better alternatives?