**BILL WRITING GRAPHIC ORGANIZER**

**Name of your Bill:** Minimum Wage Increment Act of 2021

**Sponsors of the legislation:** Your name

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| Minimum Wage Increment Act of 2021 |
| The purpose and intent of this bill is to ensure that all Americans workers are paid at least $ 15 an hour from the current $7.5 an hour, and that they are paid fairly so that they are in a position to care for the needs of their families effectively. |

**Eligibility terms for the recipients of the services entitled in your bill:** Workers who make $7.5 or less an hour will be eligible to receive a wage increment of up to $ 15 an hour.

**How long will your bill last:** The bill will be valid in USA permanently as it would order the increment of minimum wages of all American workers to come into effect at the beginning of every year.

**Benefits:** Eliminate poverty and reduce dependency levels on government welfare services. The federal minimum wage has been $7.5 an hour since 2009. Currently, millions of workers and their families are suffering because of the low wages they are paid at work, and even as some decide to take extra shifts to earn more, the amount of money they get at the end of the day is barely enough to cater for their needs and those of their families. Many workers cannot afford to access proper medical attention, they cannot pay for their children’s tuition fees, can barely afford to pay for their housing bills and some of them cannot even have proper meals. Due to poverty, most of them have been forced to fully depend on the government for welfare services and assistance in various areas. They depend on these assistant programs for healthcare, nutrition, education and housing. This bill will move many above the poverty line and help workers cater for most of their basic needs.

**Fiscal impact:**

1. **How will you pay for your bill?**

I would raise taxes from the public and propose a cut in several current programs to pay for this bill.

1. **If you would raise taxes to pay for the bill, do you think the American people would be willing to pay additional taxes to pay for this bill? Why or why not?**

I believe the Americans would be willing to pay additional taxes to pay for this bill because this is a change that many have been longing for. American workers have been suffering for years and even though many have dedicated their time and effort in working in different industries that support the economy, their efforts are rarely recognized. I believe many would not mind paying additional taxes if it would mean that they will benefit in the end.

1. **If you would cut current programs to pay for this bill, which program (s) would you cut? What consequences do you foresee of cutting that/those program (s)?**

I would cut the income security programs and health programs like Medicaid and Medicare because they make up approximately half of the country’s total mandatory spending. Since a cut in these programs will affect many workers and state agencies across the country, we anticipate several complaints and law suits while we conduct these budget cuts. Many workers and their families will have to go without housing assistance, food stamps, tax credits and temporary assistance meaning most of them will have to find alternative ways of taking care of their families which is not going to be easy.