**Block Argumentative Essay – Sentence Ordering**

Instructions: Drag and drop each bulleted item below into the proper order.

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|  | [Introduction] |
| Background |  |
| Thesis statement |  |
|  | [Counter-argument] |
| Topic Sentence |  |
| Supporting Detail 1 |  |
| Supporting Detail 2 |  |
|  | [Refutation] |
| Topic sentence |  |
| Refutation Pt. 1 |  |
| Refutation Pt 2. |  |
|  | [Essay continues…] |

**Ideas** (in random order)

* Recently, the government of British Columbia has raised the minimum wage to $16.75 per hour.
* First of all, though people may have more money, they may lose their jobs. A study by Lammam et Al. (2018) found that wage hikes result in companies cutting positions. This particularly affects low-skilled positions.
* Though this move was made to benefit workers, it will have negative consequences for the BC economy and workers overall.
* Firstly, it could be argued that higher wages mean that people will have more money, which they will spend at stores and businesses.
* Moreover, both arguments fail to grasp that higher wages actually increase inflation instead of combatting it because higher wages require that companies charge more to maintain profit margins (Phelps, 2022). This means that, although wages increase, the price of goods increases along with them. As a result, the worker’s purchasing power does not increase.
* Nevertheless, these arguments fail to understand two key points.
* On a surface level, raising the minimum wage may appear to have benefits.
* Also, supporters of higher wages could argue that such raises are necessary to combat inflation.