EXAMPLE WARM-UP

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Warm-Up Form

1. **Warm-Up Topic:** Production Possibilities and Government Activity.

2. **Page and edition of text where topic occurs:** Page 7 of the 10th Edition of the text.

3. **Name, Source, and Date of Article:** Will Arizona Police Ask To 'Show Your Papers’?, npr.org, June 26, 2012

4. **What is the article about?** The article discusses Arizona’s new immigration law. Specifically the article discusses part of the law that requires law enforcement officers to check the immigration status of individuals regardless of the reason why they were stopped. The Chief of Police of Tucson is interviewed and he discusses how police work will change as a result of the new law.

5. **How does your article relate to the topic from the textbook?** The production possibilities curve show the various combinations of outputs that can be produced for a given level of inputs. The curve highlights the fact that if you do more of one activity, then you must do less of some other activity. In the current article, the police are being asked to do more immigration enforcement. The production possibility curve suggests that they will be doing less of other law enforcement activities. The Chief of Police of Tucson, Robert Villasenor, says that the additional detentions resulting from the law will be a “huge expense to this community.” In economic terms, the expense signifies the money that could be used for other purposes. He goes on to say that the rule will “change how a lot of agencies are doing business,” meaning that some agencies will have to shift resources towards immigration. Overall, this is a perfect article showing how public policies that implement “more” necessarily mean that “less” will be had in other areas.