

SB 163

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My name is Suely Hernandez. I'm a single mother of two, an ACORN member, and I want to be independent.

From 2000 until 2006 I was a stay at home mom living on State assistance - I don't receive any child support. Living like that was not easy. Each month I had to sign up for State Assistance, and each month I was worried that my paperwork would fall through. I didn't receive that much money, I was able to survive with help from my family. After six years I wanted better for my son, my daughter, and myself.

In 2007 I decided to go back to school and earn my G.E.D., but the classes were full. When one door closes another opens; I went to work. Working provided me with a stable income for my family. Now that I am in the workforce, ***I am*** the sole provider for my family.

Minimum wage barely pays the bills. Right now, I don't earn enough money to be on my own. I live with my Dad. The extra money from a State EITC would help me pay for an apartment for me and my kids. A State EITC would help me get a home and be more independent.

Please vote for Senate Bill 163 and help me and my family to succeed.