

Diana Colorado

Norwalk Community College cleaner

Labor Committee Public Hearing in support of RB 6502

AAC The Standard Wage For Certain CT Workers

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Good afternoon. I want to thank the members of the Labor Committee for raising this important bill.

My name is Diana Colorado, and I work as a cleaner at Norwalk Community College. I work the overnight shift, so I apologize if my voice sounds tired today.

I have some sad news to share with you. A few months ago, my 15-year-old daughter was diagnosed with diabetes.

Before this, I mostly used my health care for myself – I have an ongoing fight against skin cancer – but now my daughter also needs regular medication and care for her diabetes.

What's worse is that on top of our fight against her diabetes, we now are fighting to keep her health care coverage.

I'm not asking for hand-outs. I work hard and I don't want to depend on public assistance, but my family needs health care coverage, and if we're going to lose the health care from my job, we'll have no other choice.

Please, Members of the General Assembly think about my daughter and pass this bill to amend the Standard Wage Law.