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Labor Committee Public Hearing in Support of RB 6502

AAC The Standard Wage for Certain CT Workers

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My name is Felipe Trevitazzo, and I work as a cleaner at the Bradley Airport.

I'm here today for my family, and for my co-workers families and for the families of state-building cleaners across Connecticut.

Please, Members of the General Assembly, do not let our families lose their health care coverage.

Since I came to the United States 20 years ago, I have been working hard to earn a living and to support my family. I have never asked for a hand-out, and I'm not asking for one now.

I believe – as I think most people in Connecticut agree – that health care is a basic necessity. And I just cannot understand why our state would deny family health care to the workers like me, who keep things running at the State Capitol here, the Bradley airport, the train stations in Stamford and Bridgeport.

I have a son. He's seven-years-old. He's a healthy kid, thank God, but he gets bumps and bruises and needs to go to the doctor for regular check-ups.

My wife is a diabetic. She keeps everything under control, but she needs regular medication to do so.

My family – like so many – depends on our health care coverage. So, I'll ask again, please, don't let our families lose our health care. Pass the bill to amend the Standard Wage Law.