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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
AN ACT CONCERNING HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT WORKFORCE  
COUNCIL.**

**RAISED BILL NO. 6486**

**MARCH 8, 2011**

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee,

My name is Nancy Urgell I am writing this testimony to ask the Senators and Representatives to vote NO to the Bill 6486. I am a Personal Care Attendant. I am very much AGAINST Bill 6486. I have worked as a PCA for over 4 years. This as been the most enjoyable and rewarding position I ever had. I enjoy helping people who cannot do for themselves. I feel this is the most important position I ever had. This position helps SAVE money for the State as well by keeping People with a Disability out of the Nursing Homes.

It is very important for the Employer to be able to interview a PCA and hire them if there is a good match. I like the fact I work for an individual rather then a company. It is much more personable. I can choose the position as well, if I like the person. IF there is a Workforce Council that would not be the case. They would set up the position and you would work with the person even IF you did not like them.

There is a lack of funds in the State. How is Connecticut going to pay for this UNION? In the BILL 6486 it says that the PCA's are going to become State employees WITHOUT any Benefits. HOW is that going to help the Personal Care Assistants? It will not!

Thank you for your time and Please vote NO on Bill 6486

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