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My name is Dinaha Ellis. I am a Hartford resident. I currently work with a family in Glastonbury, CT in which I take care of their 10 year old son, Sunny. Sunny is a child with developmental disabilities I have cared for him for 7 years. I love the line of work that I provide to him and his family. However, I feel that the current system in place prevents PCA's from having a voice. For myself, having a voice means to be an advocate for myself and for Sunny. In case of an emergency situation, I would like to make sure he is well cared for. For myself, I would like to make sure my insurance, sick days, holidays and financial well being is taken care of.

I think having a union helps with making sure the laws that are in place are followed. I also feel as though having a union helps me to know my rights and answer questions that might be of concern. Collective bargaining helps to have a strong contract put in place in which both parties can agree on benefits.