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For bill 5433

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Week before last after the snow storm I walked in to my consumer's house to find her sitting in her wheelchair – I asked what happened she said the night PCA could not make it so she slept in her chair – I asked why she did not call me, (I live in the same town) she said she was afraid to call because I would go over my hours – only allowed 25 hrs. I work Mon-Friday 5 hrs per day – I don't understand why the consumers can't bank the hours that they sometimes do not use, besides the fact that they need more hours to have a quality of life which would be easy to get if we could work more than 25 hrs.

I want the union so I can have a voice and educate the legislators on what it's like to be a PCA.