

Joseph Madore (Consumer)

Southington

For bill 5433

My name is Joseph Madore and I would like to have a union for the caregivers to be able to take care of me. I've driven tractor trailers for many years until I became disabled. I've been disabled since 1991 I'm not able to take care of myself I've walked with a walker. Mrs. St Jean & Mr. Bushey who work for me for many years and are better than my family deserve a better pay & benefits and also when my caregivers are sick to have a replacement. Mrs. St Jean is speaking on my behalf because it's hard for you people to understand my speaking.

Bernice St. Jean (PCA)

Plainville

My name is Mrs. Bernice St Jean. I live in Plainville Conn. I've worked for Mr. Joseph Madore for the past 10 yrs because Mr. Madore is disabled. I take care of everything. When we need somebody to replace you if you're sick or need vacation I have to find somebody myself. I've went on vacation one time got a phone call on the ship that Mr. Madore was in the hospital. We were on our way home. I've went to the hospital to see about Mr. Madore because we're the only caregivers that's why it would be a good thing to have a union and be able to have a replacement and also have somebody when you're sick or want to take vacation. Also I do all the driving for him to doctor appt. & shopping and take him out for supper or lunch. I don't get paid for that. Also he has a man to give him a bath 3 times a week. He wants to stay in his apartment do not want to go to a convalescent home. He wants to stay home. It's in his best interest to have his caregivers have a union to care for him so he could continue to stay in his home. It would not only benefit me but other caregivers to have a union it's not only about me.

I am 73 years old and God forbid something happen to me, who's going to take care of him?
I'm like his only family.