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Right now, I worry a lot about workplace injuries. I work for a 400 pound man. If he falls, not only could he get hurt but I could get hurt too. Right now, I don't have workman's comp so if I get hurt at work, I'm on my own.

We also end up working for hours we don't get paid for. If we don't – because of the limits on consumer's hours – the consumer gets rushed care or none at all.

Even though I work for my consumer, he isn't the one who decides how much money I make, if I get health insurance or sick days and vacation time. We should be able to talk to the people who actually make the decisions. In this case, it's the general assembly. Passing this bill would mean things would be a lot more fair for home care workers.

This bill helps everyone, workers and consumers. I feel like I have to rush care because consumers don't have enough hours. I either need to rush them or work without getting paid. I want consumers to have more hours. I want to do this work full time – if there was a registry, I could find multiple consumers to combine for full time pay. The consumers do not know how to find us.