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Sen. Gary Holder-Winfield
Rep. Peter Tercyak
Labor and Public Employees Committee
Room 3800, Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: H.B. 5527 – CT Domestic Worker Bill of Rights

Dear Sen. Holder-Winfield and Rep.Tercyak:

My name is Petra Morales. I am Mexican. I came to this country in 1999. After 2 months, I met a Brazilian woman and I offered to work with her cleaning houses. I left every Monday at 7:30 in the morning and returned at 3:30. I got paid \$25 per day. Every week they gave me \$125. I had the need to work with her to pay off the debt of having come to this country with my children.

I worked late for this woman for two months and I had to resign because I could not tolerate the chemicals in the cleaning products. I got an allergy in my throat. Then I realized it wasn't fair how much I was getting paid. Later, the same Brazilian woman came back to talk to me and offered me \$200 per week. I told her she should pay me \$250. She told me that he could not. I told her no, that I could not work for her.

After, I worked for two years in a factory. Now, I work cleaning houses on my own. Thank God that I have been fortunate to have good clients. Even though they know I do not know English, they are fair with me. I have been recommended to other people.

I ask that members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee support H.B. 5527 - the CT Domestic Worker Bill of Rights.

Sincerely,

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