

Testimony of Jennifer Carreiro
in support of
**S.B. No. 978 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL CARE
HOMES.**

Human Services – March 5, 2015

To whom it may concern:

I have been an employee at Pleasant View Manor for 12 years. I started as a per diem driver and became a full time Residential care aide in February 2005. I was then transitioned into the first shift position in October of 2014. I like this job for many reasons, first and foremost it has made me mature into an adult but mostly because it feels like home. It is honestly one of the best jobs that I hold and even though I am qualified to do much more it is never a job I have thought to get rid of. Don't get me wrong this job does pull a lot from you, not only physically sometimes but mostly mentally but I do love the challenge.

My job duties vary but for the most part, I am assigned to provide patient care for 18 residents, scheduling for part-time crew to cover for vacations and emergencies, order and distribute medication, provide secretarial duties and phone inquires, monitor and maintain patient charts, order and prepare meals for the day, laundry, and much more.

I am starting my 5th year without an increase in pay, while cost of living continues to rise. Some would say I am workaholic but I work to survive. I not only take care of myself but I also take care of my mother, who had a brain aneurism burst on her a little over 2 years ago. My grandfather for the last year because he is physically diminishing since his wife past away a year ago, and my three nieces, with two of them having a rare heart disease that keeps me on the tip of my toes. In order to support them and myself, I work 2 full time jobs. I work at Pleasant view manor and I have a full time accounting job.

I hope you consider making my worries diminish just a little by allowing to have a daily rate increase in the residential care home sector.

Thank You,

Jennifer Carreiro