

Testimony on HB 5591

To the General Assembly's Labor Committee

I have worked since I was 16 yrs. Old. During that time, I have always been paid less than my male counterparts. No matter how hard I worked, or how well I did, I was paid less than men who did not work hard and were not as good at the job as I was. This inequality made it very difficult for me when I raised my two children alone. I had to have 2 jobs for about 7 years just to pay my basic bills. This inequality has caused a lot of harm to many families, especially single mothers who are frequently left by their husbands and left alone to care for the children. Many women are actually the primary support for their family, as many husbands are out of work. There is no way to justify this inequity and I strongly believe it is time to provide your daughters, mothers, sisters and wives the right to earn the same pay as men.

Sincerely,

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