



Testimony of
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HB 6595 AAC Labor Matters Related to COVID-19, Personal Protective Equipment, and other Staffing Matters.

Senator Kushner, Representative Porter and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. I am a RN at Danbury Hospital who has been on the front-line of this Pandemic since last March. Other organizations have respected their workers who needed to put the public first as they served their needs. Some grocery stores like Stop and Shop, other hospitals, Assisted Livings etc. did provide their workers with Hazard Pay. Not my hospital. They dangled a possible 'two paid days off' in front of us but then made the list of RNs so restrictive that the unfairness could not be accepted.

I cut myself off from my family for 3 months at the start of this Pandemic, living separately. If we had one COVID symptom we had to stay home, isolate, get tested and blow through our PTO/Vacation time. Only if we tested positive did we get our PTO returned to our time off 'bank'.

We feel we have been trampled on during this last year - routinely working short staffed and in uncomfortable conditions. We deserve so much more than we got.

Kind regards,

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