

**Labor and Public Employees Committee
March 11, 2021 Public Hearing**

Testimony in Support of S.B. 1002 AN ACT CONCERNING LABOR ISSUES RELATED TO COVID-19, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STAFFING MATTERS

Testimony in Support of H.B. 6595 AN ACT CONCERNING LABOR MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STAFFING MATTERS

Senator Julie Kushner, Representative Robyn Porter, and distinguished members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, my name is **Kris Kaminski**. I am a resident of **West Hartford** and a member of CEUI. I work at **The Department of Veterans Affairs** and I am an **Assistant Cook**

I am submitting testimony in support of S.B. 1002 An Act Concerning Labor Issues Related to COVID-19, Personal Protective Equipment and Other Staffing Matters and H.B. 6595 An Act Concerning Labor Matters Related to COVID-19, Personal Protective Equipment and Other Staffing Matters. I would specifically like to focus on Sections 12 – 14 of both bills.

Being an essential employee means working on the front lines to help the residents & public get through the pandemic. The dangers I have experienced are disrupted sleep patterns and exercise changes. Dietary customs have also gone downhill. I believe supporting this legislation in one way to immediately correct the emotional and financial injustice for frontline essential workers who have risked and continue to risk not only their lives but the lives of their families while making a wage that is relatively low.

I urge the committee to support both S.B. 1002 and H.B. 6595.

Thank you.
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