

**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 Lisa Mancini. I am a resident Wethersfield of and a member of **CEUI, Local 511 or MEUI, Local 506**. I work at the **Department of Veteran Affairs** and I am a **Head 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.

During this pandemic I came to work in fear and riddled with anxiety. As a food service staff member we are direct client / resident care. Food Service staff served residents in the Dining room during the pandemic. We had to deliver food to covid positive units. Daily there was a new positive happening in the Health Care and Residential Facility. I am overly cautious on a regular day but during the pandemic the fear of contracting this virus at work made my anxiety worse. I haven't seen my family in over a year for fear of bringing this virus to my elderly parents. We had staff members also test positive and Veteran residents that worked side by side with us in the kitchen that were also positive. This caused extreme fear that we would also become positive. There were countless times that I thought I had contracted the virus, testing was not available for a long time to be able to know if you had it or not.

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

Thank you.
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