

**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 Rigoberto Nava. I am a resident of Meriden and a member of CEUI. I work at the DVA in Rocky Hill where I am employed as a 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.

I have worked at the DVA for the past 8 years. In those 8 years I never worried about coming to work until Covid came. As an essential worker in close contact with veterans I had no idea if or when I would contract this virus. But because of the nature of my work and because we are a 365 day a year operation, there was no option to stay home and wait for this pandemic to pass. I have come to work every day in support of my job and my co-workers and ask that you support my commitment to my job as an essential worker by endorsing the legislation up for consideration.

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

Thank you,

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