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**An Act Concerning Labor Issues Related to Covid-19, Personal Protective  
Equipment and Other Staffing Matters, HB6595 and SB 1002**

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

Thank you, members of the Labor Committee, for hearing my testimony today. My name is Vincent Oliver. I'm here as a worker at Alltown gas, and as a service plaza cleaner and member of 32BJ SEIU, to support the bill on Labor Issues Related to Covid-19.

Thanks to 32BJ, my job cleaning the service plazas has good pay and benefits, but I work a second job because getting by is getting harder for working people all the time, and my wife and I have five daughters to raise.

The two jobs are in the same place, but they are also worlds apart. The pay at Alltown is near minimum wage. There are no benefits. Though I have coworkers, we are all alone if there is any problem with the boss.

Still, both jobs are essential and they both deserve to receive hazard pay. I have to go to work every day, never knowing if today is the day that I catch Covid. I've been doing that for a full year. I was out here when there were no cars on the highway because of the fear, because there were also no masks available, no guidance in what to do. And I was out here when people started traveling in the summer, then again during the holidays, when the number of infections soared.

This year has taught me that hospital workers are not the only frontline workers. It's crazy that workers at the service plazas are risking so much yet making so little. Anyone who risks their life every time they go to work deserves to get hazard pay.

At both jobs, we also deserve financial support if we have to quarantine or if we get sick and have to miss work. I get some sick days at my union job, but those days are for normal times, not pandemics, when we can get sick just by doing our jobs. I've also worked at many of the fast food stores at the service plaza. At Alltown and all these jobs, most workers don't get even one paid sick day. That almost guarantees that workers will come to work sick just so they can pay their bills. This is worse in Covid, but it's always wrong. I hope you can help by passing this bill on Labor Issues Related to Covid. Thank you.

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