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***In Support of SB 1002: AN ACT CONCERNING LABOR ISSUES RELATED TO COVID-19, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STAFFING MATTERS and In Support of HB 6595: AN ACT CONCERNING LABOR MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STAFFING ISSUES***

Good Morning Senator Kushner, Representative Porter and members of the Committee. My name is Emil Serrano Sr and I've been privileged to have a career with the State of Connecticut Department of Developmental Services for the past 28 years. I am here to ask you to pass Senate Bill 1002 and House Bill 6595.

During this time I have met incredible community of staff and residents that give it all to help others. The individuals that we serve have some disabilities but that doesn't keep them from wanting to do better not just for them but for others.

These difficult times with the pandemic COVID-19 affected everyone regardless of gender age and personal believes. I believe that my colleagues are true **Heroes** placing their life at risk and the lives of the ones they love to continue giving the necessary services to the people that we serve. This is why I believe the State of Connecticut has to step in and compensate those that give so much more to our community. We should be compensated for the risk that we took.

Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to express my gratitude to the people that we serve and to my colleagues who I am so proud to be part of. Please pass Senate Bill 1002 and House Bill 6595. Thank you for your time.