

Dear members of the House Committee on Rules,

My name is David Vasquez. I am from Wood Village and I am currently working at the Walmart super center on Sandy Blvd. I have been working at Walmart for more than a year now. I used to work there full-time, but now I work there part-time to accommodate my college schedule.

My job consists of working in the backroom and unloading freight from trucks. Unloading trucks there is really difficult and exhausting because the freight is always big and heavy and the management there is always pushing us past our limits to get it done. Our trucks come with lots of freight and the person unloading is required to unload 25 cases a minute, which is really difficult and extremely tiring. Management blames us whenever we don't meet this quota. They tell us that they can easily fire and replace us, but I've never seen them help move freight. They never let us go on our breaks or lunches until we finish unloading the truck. Most of the time, it takes us about 3-4 hours to unload a single truck, and we usually get 2 trucks per day. At times we have to skip our breaks and lunches in order to finish unloading a truck or to set up for the next one, which is really tough on us.

It's easy to get hurt working in the backroom. We move a lot of big items like bookshelves, beds, and boxes full of motor oil, which is really hard on our backs. Sometimes, those items are badly stacked inside the truck, and I've been hurt by heavy boxes falling on me as I unload. I'm writing in support of HB 3568 and to help other warehouse workers as well who go through the same work environment.

HB 3568 can help warehouse workers and their families by reducing the injuries we face from working to meet such high quotas. And it will force companies to improve our work environment and conditions so we won't have to suffer as much. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Vasquez