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Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure: SB5506

I wanted to thank the Committee for having a session in Ontario today. There was a half dozen of my fellow SEIU home health care workers in attendance. I'm asking for support for the measure to provide \$65 Million to home Healthcare workers, to increase our wages, and to provide us with more benefits. This program is very worthwhile and beneficial to our states elderly and handicapped clients, and to workers like myself.

My own story is that I came from Washington state in June 2021 to Ontario to live with my friend, help him out in his home, and to find more employment opportunities then available in rural Washington. I now have two jobs in Healthcare and work over 60 hours a week so that I can save up for my future goals, and I greatly enjoy the time I spend as a home Healthcare worker. The time I spend with my client is very rewarding and he has told me many times that he is grateful for me as he doesn't have anyone else to care for him and spend time with him.

Thank you for your time and consideration.