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SB27

I am writing in support of SB 27 and its ongoing funding for the Essential Worker Healthcare Trust. The Essential Worker Healthcare Trust (EWHT) provides long-term care workers like me with quality, affordable health care coverage, which has been life-changing for me and co-workers. Since 2021, the EWHT has provided nearly 6,000 people like me with health coverage for ourselves and our families. Before the health care trust, I was paying 198.0 dollars a month and the out of pockets were \$ 8,500.00 a year. I had needed a knee replacement for literally years but could not afford it. I was in constant pain and limping at work and eating lots of ibuprofen daily. Since the health trust I have gotten my surgery, and it has been a huge blessing! I am able to keep working and walking. This trust is a godsend for myself and my co-workers to FINALLY have good, affordable healthcare.

- Joni Lange, RA/CNA, Windsor Rehab