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Hello, I am a Samantha cook 19 of Salina Kansas. I am writing to you in regards of house bill 2524, I have been a cna for as long as I have been able to work infact I turned 16 in the middle of my class! I have always always had a passion for healthcare as an industry and a career choice. I have worked from afar in kitchen staff until I graduated from cna school to working up close at 16 years old. I am currently an agency cna, I feel you read that and automatically assumed or began judging me but as an agency or traveling cna I am much more than just that. From the first time I worked in a home as regular staff I recall 90% of the staff working being agency, the building was ran horribly and the staff so overworked most of them could care less if they had a job anymore. I had always thought of agency as a superior co worker I envied them because they could come in and learn or adjust so quickly to their environment while I myself was still struggling to work when short handed. Yes believe it or not before the "pandemic" we were still short staffed and if it was not for agency we would have drowned and been burnt out. As I got

older I knew I wanted to be a traveling cna it gave me the flexibility I needed to go to college and still work yet have a life outside of both, it gave me the flexibility to be able to not break myself while short handed because I knew I was the help helping the others. Agency staff was the best thing I had ever learned about. I had always known they got payed more than regular staff but that was because the fact they drive hours, to come and fill in where and when needed without complaints, I knew they were payed more for their ability to adapt to change with their training. I know now I get payed a livable wage because of my experience and my ability to adapt to change . I had went through one of the most traumatic experiences in January of 2021 but before then I was working in a hospital, a hospital who refused to work with me during the most difficult time of my life I broke several bones I almost lost a limb I had damage all over my body from an accident not of my fault but their needs still outweighed the fact I was a loyal employee. They let me go as I couldn't return I was still healing. But with agency I have learned our dependability is accounted for, we have the flexibility to be off when we need to and not stress over having a job when we return and for that I am grateful. We are more than just agency staffing we are healthcare heroes, we are human too. We risk our lives everyday since the pandemic has begun I myself have had Covid three times this last time I was so scared to sleep because I believed I wouldn't wake up. We go In we get our duties for the day and we take care of your families and ours

as if they were our own. We love them everyday no matter the obstacles that become in our way. If you take agency away, the healthcare industry will crumble worse than any other we as cnas are the backbones to our nurses we as nurses are the backbone to our society. You will be taking away one of the greatest things that has become healthcare. Please from the bottom of your heart think about the pros and cons and let us as one help you see that we are more than just an over payed healthcare worker.

Sincerely Samantha Cna of Salina Kansas

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