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I want to submit this written testimony I am against this bill

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From: MARIBEL CERNA <maribelcgr@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 4:25:06 PM
To: Amy Kelly <amy@trinityunitedllc.com>
Subject: Maribel Gracia Cerna

Good afternoon; my name is Maribel Garcia Cerna. I want to start by Thanking Trinity United for the job opportunity and all they have done for me. The reason for this email is to let you know that I am against the bill HB2524; I am asking you to please stop these bills as it will affect my plans and goals; I am 40 years old with a 14 years old daughter who depends on me, working for trinity allows me to keep up with my bills and provide a roof for my daughter, not only that but it also allows me to work and go back to school and better myself, get more educated and have a better future for my daughter and I, I attended K-State Salina to get my Social Work degree, but due to my financial problem, I had to stop. I started working for trinity in October 2021. Since my situation has changed, Amy Kelly, owner of a trinity, allowed me to work for her. It has been the best job I have ever had! the pay and benefits are great, I get to pick the days and hours to work and distance, with that, begin said, I have the opportunity to go back to college and spend more time with my kid, help her with school work and still provide for her.

Before I came to work for Trinity, my situation was pretty rough; I was going thru a lot of problems; I applied at some manufacturing places, but since I didn't have any tools or manufacturing experience, it was tough to get hired, working in an office was not an option either because they required higher education, the education I don't have, working as a housekeeper, was not enough, the work was hard and no benefits, no time to spent with my kid and no time to go back to school, I worked many hours and was still not able to make it with my bills and a house payment, yes! Many places help with bills, but it was hard because not all the time they help. When I started working for Trinity, I didn't have a car, I could not make my car payment anymore, and my house? I had lost my house and everything I had, Amy, the owner of the trinity, trusted me and gave me hope! And a job, she helps me get on my feet, get a house, help me get a hotel until I could get a place to live! So my kid and I didn't have to be homeless, Now I don't have to depend on no charities to help me, I have a job that pays enough for me to keep a roof and food on the table for my kid, I have diabetes, and with this job I can buy my medications, I now can go back to school and complete my degree!

I am a CNA at Trinity United, and I am very proud to be part of their team; being a travel CNA has brought me so many benefits and new hope, I couldn't be more blessed to have these jobs, I, please beg you to stop these bill, please, just like me there many others who depend on these travel agencies to provide for their families. Please! think for a moment and consider our situation. I want to go back to school and finish my degree, but at the same time provide for my kid, a roof, and meals; this job allows me to do all that, and without it, it would be very hard, please! and thank you.