

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL H7532

My name is Shirley Gomez. I live with the family whose children I care for in East Providence during the week, and on weekends I rent my own room in Central Falls. At this moment, I am in charge of taking care of two small children, one who is one and a half years old and the other is 3 years old. I care for the children in their family's home during the week (Monday to Friday). This family has placed their trust in me and they feel calm throughout their days knowing the quality of care that I am providing their children. Everything was going very well at the beginning, but then they started adding more work to my job responsibilities. Now, in addition to caring for the children, I have to prepare all the food for everyone in the household and do all the housework. The family argues that we are helping each other because they provide me with a room and I can eat a portion of the food I prepare for the family during my stay, but in reality I am doing three jobs in one, and I do not receive the corresponding pay for this work. While I have a place to live with them 5 days a week, on weekends I live in a room that I have rented because I needed to not to live with this family all the time to be able to have my own space. I think there needs to be more regulation of caregiving work so that people like me are not working an unlimited schedule with more responsibilities added for no additional pay. Thank you for taking my testimony, and I hope you pass H7532.

Sincerely,  
Shirley Gomez