

Senator Nangle, Representative Stover, members of the Committee on State and Local Government, my name is Carney Williams. I'm writing in support of LD 2121, An Act to Address Chronic Understaffing of State Government Positions.

I am a nurse and work for DHHS, Division of Licensing. I have held this job for over 30 years.

In that time I have watched about 10 individuals leave to take jobs with higher pay. We have lost valuable people.

Retention and recruitment is difficult. I obviously love my job and it certainly is not related to the salary I am paid.

It saddens me that the Governor does not value her employees and doesn't care that we get paid less than we deserve.

I see people that I work with going without lunch because they feel that they can't afford it! That is sad.

Some of my fellow coworkers go without needed medication and that is even sadder.

It's time that the Legislature recognizes what State employees need! LD 2121 is essential to all State employees and their families. Let us all know that you care about us and our wellbeing. Please support and work to pass this legislation.

Thank you.

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