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I've been a DSP for 18 years. I've worked for several agencies. I pride myself on being an advocate for my residents, but today I get to advocate for myself. I currently make \$13 an hour at 36 hours a week. I have to work a second job (more DSP work) for survival. Wages need to increase. I have missed so many family events because if I don't go to work, My child goes without. You are paying people an unlivable wage. I haven't taken a vacation in over 10 years on a plane because at \$13 an hour I cant save anything.

You are paying us Minimum wage to keep people alive. a couple weeks ago we had a carbon monoxide alarm go off. That night the FD had to come to air the house out. I was paid \$13 an hour to save 5 lives.

Start paying a living wage so I can spend time with my family.