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Hello,

My name is Jenna. I have been with DS Crisis for five years. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the 25/55 discussion.

To ensure accuracy, it is important to explain what a Crisis Worker is. A Crisis Worker is a conglomeration of every aspect in the human support world. Crisis workers are community-based professionals that also provide support to a range of clients with a multitude of needs in our state Crisis House.

We work community based, faced with unforeseeable safety risks every shift. The main difference between a CPIS team member, and any other entity that handles human hazard is that we are alone.

Why should Crisis Workers be granted 25//55? The amount of physical stress and PTSD make successful retirement incredibly difficult. Crisis was established by the early 1990's. This could mean that there is not one person who has worked for crisis their entire career and successfully made it to retirement.

Crisis workers are exposed to dangerous situations. We work alone. We do not have the luxury of security like the state hospital. The crisis house is not safe. There are numerous dangers in which we do not have the tools to handle. In short, we age faster than other employees.

Thank you