

Hello

Thank you for this opportunity.

My name is Alicia Cook. I work for a home care agency in RI. I have been an RN with my bachelors degree since 1994. I am in support of Bill number 5264. I feel strongly that an agency/and or an employer should pay staff that contract the Covid 19 virus with workers compensation. I have been working full time since day one of the pandemic. At the beginning, the agency did not have sufficient PPE, and luckily I have never contracted the Covid virus, but I do know some employees that have. We were expected to wear our N95 masks and plain surgical masks over and over. I believe that the agency and other places of employment do not feel that staff are contracting the virus from work, which is impossible, especially due to the lack of proper PPE at the beginning of the pandemic. We go out each and every day and take care of people in their homes. Most of us love what we do, and would like to be compensated if we contract a virus that is out in the community. Many times, we ask the patients and their families in their homes to wear masks, 75 percent of the time, they do wear masks, but there are some that do not and even refuse, putting us also at risk. Again, I am strongly for Bill number 5264.

Thank you

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