

Testimony in Support of HB #5721

House Labor Committee,

My name is Alex Kithes. I spent a term on the Woonsocket City Council and have run for election twice in Woonsocket. I have had thousands of conversations with the incredible, working class people who live in our community. Our city is made up of a lot of essential workers, and we were struggling well before the COVID-19 pandemic.

But with the onset of COVID-19, and the economic mess that has resulted from it, we are relying on our state government to support the workers on the frontlines of this pandemic, those who do jobs that require person-to-person contact and therefore must put themselves and their families in danger in order to keep our local economy afloat. They deserve hazard pay, and I urge you to pass this bill.

In solidarity,

Alex Kithes