

Hello, my name is Rudaina Jabai, I work as a wheelchair attendant for a subcontractor that services Southwest Airlines at BWI.

We are paid below the minimum wage because we might get tips from passengers.

However, the majority of the time we don't get any tips.

We can hardly pay our bills and I have two sons in college who need my help.

I can't afford to buy the company's health insurance so I have to rely on Medicare.

Access to affordable health insurance is important to me because I am diabetic and have high cholesterol.

I am an essential worker on the front lines risking my health.

We are in a high-risk area to contract the virus since we work in the airport.

On top of that, our job requires us to be closer than six feet to our passengers.

We try our best to take safety precautions but it is still very dangerous.

I take care of my elderly mother so I'm terrified of bringing home the virus and getting her sick.

I don't want to quit my job, so I'm working less hours now just to be sure I don't spend too much time in a high risk place like the airport.

But this has brought down my income a lot, and I have to ask for help from my family just to pay the bills.

Please pass this Maryland Secure Wage Act – we can't go on living this way!

Thanks