



Testimony on SB663/HB1414
The Nursing Home Staffing Crisis Funding Act of 2026
Position: **FAV**

To Madame Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Winston Robinson. I work in the kitchen at a Long-Term Care facility in Baltimore County. My department works short staffed at least once a week. I urge a favorable report on the Nursing Home Staffing Crisis Funding Act.

When my department is short staffed, we have a lot of extra work. That leads to frustration for residents and workers. Meals don't go out on time when we are short, and that is bad for the residents. They need consistency in their meals for their health and medication schedules. Family members get frustrated as well. That is challenging to deal with.

My department isn't the only one working short. GNAs are often caring for 32 patients with only one GNA on the floor. Even when the kitchen gets our meals out on time, when the GNAs are short and can't distribute the meals, they are sent back to the kitchen. We must throw that food away, and the patients don't get food until the next scheduled meal.

We need you to pass this bill because the people doing the work in nursing homes are underpaid, underappreciated, and overworked. With this legislation in place, it would make sure that funding for direct care is used for improving residents' lives and our working conditions. Hopefully when this bill is implemented, management will hire more workers.

I work in Long Term Care because I love to serve the residents. When I cook a proper meal, I can help people live a better life. Our residents deserve the best. They've lived and worked their whole lives, now it is time for them to be cared for. Please help me be successful in doing the work I love by voting YES on this bill. Thank you.

In Unity, Winston Robinson