

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Olivetta Scott.

2 MS. SCOTT: Good afternoon. My name is Olivetta  
3 Scott. I'm a union booth cashier at Circus Circus Casino. I  
4 was raised on a carnival, then I was married for 21 years. When  
5 I left my husband I came out here to Las Vegas from Alabama.  
6 That was almost 20 years ago. I was a scared, misplaced  
7 housewife with a 13-year-old daughter, Latricia, and my grown  
8 daughter, Loretta, and two small grandchildren, Jamie and Jimmy.  
9 It was very hard. By the time we got here we had \$3 between us.  
10 We had to stay at a women's shelter for a while. My youngest  
11 daughter, Latricia, had to stay in the car during the day with  
12 her niece and nephew while her sister and I worked. I worked as  
13 a dishwasher at minimum wage and then as a maid for \$1.50 a  
14 room.

15 My first real job in the gaming industries were  
16 non-union locations. At \$32 a shift I was laid off when it was  
17 time for my raise. I learned later that it was a standard  
18 practice in non-union places. After that I worked in a casino  
19 that went bankrupt. Basically I wasted two years in thankless  
20 jobs without a future or job security. In 1981 I joined the  
21 union and I went to work for Circus Circus. I started in slots  
22 as a change girl and then as a dollar care attendant, and then I  
23 was promoted to a booth cashier. I have been there for over 17  
24 years.

25 I am 58 years old and in four years I can retire if  
26 I want to. I will be a burden to no one; my family or the

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1 government. I have my union pension and I have my social  
2 security to rely on. Everyday when I go to work I pass by that  
3 women's shelter in my brand new car, and I thank God. I thank  
4 God for a great job and a bright future. Today I'm not scared  
5 anymore, and I'm not a misplaced housewife. I'm an independent  
6 woman. Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.

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