

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Nadine Evans.

2 MS. EVANS: I'm Nadine Evans.

3 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Nadine, can I ask you to pull  
4 that right up close. Thanks.

5 MS. EVANS: I'm Nadine Evans. I'm a single mother  
6 of three children. I'm a guest room attendant at the Mirage  
7 Casino. I came to Las Vegas in 1992 from Reno, Nevada, where I  
8 worked various jobs trying to make above minimum wages. I  
9 worked as a keno runner and writer making \$6.75 an hour. My  
10 family and I could not afford the medical insurance because I  
11 could not afford to do the deductible. We went without  
12 insurance for a number of years.

13 By moving to Las Vegas and getting a union job in  
14 the gaming industry, I made better wages and I'm able to put  
15 money aside for emergencies. I'm able to help with my  
16 grandchildren's future education, and I'm also able to take  
17 vacations that I could not take before on \$6.75 an hour.

18 I'm also happy to say now I can go to the doctor  
19 because I have insurance that I can afford, and by working in  
20 the gaming industry I have a much better life. Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.

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