

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Maribel Hernandez.

2 MS. HERNANDEZ THROUGH THE TRANSLATOR, CANDELARIO  
3 MACIAS: Good afternoon, everybody. Welcome to Las Vegas. My  
4 name is Maribel Hernandez. I work at the MGM Grand in the  
5 Department of Housekeeping for five years. I have three  
6 children. I am Cuban. I am a teacher, title teacher. As a  
7 teacher I was paid 318 pesos, that in dollars it's \$47. I leave  
8 my country to get a better benefit for me and my children. I  
9 come to Florida where I get my first job in a clothing factory  
10 where they would pay be 3 cents per piece. With that type of  
11 money you cannot live. I keep looking and I found a job working  
12 the fields working 16 to 18 hours at 3.25 without benefits.  
13 Somebody told me about Las Vegas, Nevada. That they worked with  
14 better salaries, better benefits. I come to Las Vegas and I get  
15 a job with union. I have benefits now, medical insurance, and  
16 even a pension. Now I can leave on vacation to Florida and to  
17 my country. Thank you very much and have a grand day.

18 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you very much. It has  
19 been a grand day.

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