

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Lola McDaniel?

2 (Applause.)

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4 MS. McDANIEL: Madame Chairman, Commissioners. My
5 name is Lola McDaniel. I am employed at Hollywood Park Race
6 Track. I've been at Hollywood Park for 18½ years. I am with
7 H.E.R.E. Local Eleven --

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. McDANIEL: And I am also a relative
10 caregiver/foster parent. One of the reasons why I could become a
11 foster parent is because I'm gainfully employed. The state of
12 California does not provide full benefits for relative
13 caregivers, only for foster parents, so with me having a job I
14 can take the children, I have full medical coverage with Local
15 II, collective bargaining. Because I can take care of the
16 children on my own with a little help, of course.

17 I'm very glad to be here today because with being a
18 relative caregiver I'm very, I've had two children. One from
19 child abuse, one from substance abuse, and now I'm here today
20 before you because of another abuse. And I have to worry about
21 whether I'll still have my job.

22 As a citizen I'm very concerned about that. I would
23 hope that Congress, this commission, along with everybody in this
24 room that we're all here to solve whatever problems we have. I'm
25 sitting at table right now, if the leg broke everyone in this
26 room would say, let's fix it. Why can't we all collectively fix
27 it, do what we do at H.E.R.E. Local Eleven especially well I
28 might add, collectively bargain.

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1 In closing I'd like to tell, sorry.

2 I was raised in Los Angeles. I knew gambling shacks
3 all over the place. We called them gambling shacks where people
4 gambled illegally. There would be times you'd find dead bodies
5 in an alley. Now that we have legalized gambling, we still have
6 murders, we still have problems but not due to gambling.

7 In closing I'd like to tell you a short story of what
8 happened to me one night when I got off from Hollywood Park.
9 That particular Sunday, I work all holidays and weekends. This
10 particular Sunday I said I am going to church and I'm going as
11 is. I leave Hollywood Park, I walk in and, of course, everybody
12 is in their Sunday best, it's 7:00 p.m. service. Ladies smell
13 good, look good, and I walk in smelling of popcorn, nachos, and
14 stale beer. So that's okay, I'm coming to church.

15 Low and behold the minister's sermon that night was
16 the evils of gambling. Not only the people that gamble but the
17 people that work at a gambling establishment. Well I have a few
18 choice words for the minister but then I remembered where I was
19 so I had to be cool. So I decided to pray. And it was at that
20 moment that I knew I truly had faith, I was a good person, I just
21 left from work taking of my family. I then knew that that
22 minister was only the messenger, he wasn't the one who told me to
23 come as I am.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.

26 (Applause.)

27 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: I truly want to hear from
28 everyone that signed up and I think it's important that we do

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1 that, but we do have to stop at a certain time. And so as a
2 result of that, if we take up time with demonstrations of support
3 or disscent we're not going to be able to get through the whole
4 list. So in deference to all of you who are here who want to
5 have an opportunity to speak, please, I implore, let's just hold
6 out. We'll have one big round of applause and shout for
7 everybody at the end. Okay?

8 Is that agree?

9 All right.

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