

1 **MS. CARLA TAYLOR**

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3 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Carla Taylor.

4 MS. TAYLOR: Good afternoon, Madam Chairman and
5 Commissioners and everyone in the audience. My name is Carla
6 Taylor and I work for Valet Parking Services for the Buffington
7 Harbor casinos. I would like to thank you for giving me this
8 opportunity to present my statement to you.

9 Prior to my hiring with Valet Parking Services on
10 November 24th, 1997 I worked for one of the KFC franchises, the
11 one located on 5th Avenue in my home town of Gary, Indiana where
12 I was born and raised. At KFC, my previous job, maybe the only
13 good thing I can say about that job was it was close to home and
14 very convenient, but as far as benefits, there weren't any and as
15 far as being the hard worker that I am, the recognition was
16 little for my job performance. The pay was minimal and you had
17 to almost stay in that place seven days a week, 24 hours a day
18 just to bring home enough to take care of my home and my two
19 beautiful children, and me being a single parent that was very
20 hard.

21 So my hiring with the casinos my life has done a
22 complete turnaround and I don't have to worry too much about how
23 I'm going to get the adequate medical attention for my children
24 and also for myself because with Valet Parking Services for the
25 casinos we have excellent medical benefits. We are guaranteed 80
26 hours or more bi-weekly which is really great. These casinos
27 have great opportunities to Gary and the surrounding areas, East
28 Chicago, Hammond, Whiting, etcetera.

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1 I believe these jobs have made a lot of people's
2 lives more comfortable for them and that's really important
3 because like I said, for us being single parents it can be a
4 struggle. I didn't become a single parent by choice; it was sort
5 of chosen for me. My daughter is nine. Her father was killed
6 three years ago. And my son who is four, his father I guess
7 wasn't mature enough to handle being a parent. So I am the sole
8 provider for my kids and myself.

9 With these jobs at the casinos it has made me a more
10 independent person. They show me the appreciation for my hard
11 work. This month I was nominated employee of the month, which
12 really makes me feel good. And to my surprise, not even known
13 until just the other day, I was promoted from being a hiker which
14 is my job title, to being a captain and training for a permanent
15 position. With that, I'll close.

16 CHAIRMAN JAMES; Thank you very much.

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