

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Jeff Dense? No Jeff Dense.

2 Elodia Rodriguez.

3 MS. RODRIGUEZ THROUGH THE TRANSLATOR, CANDELARIO
4 MACIAS: Hi. My name is Elodia Rodriguez, and I am married with
5 four children. Jose is 19; Nadia, 16; Alexia, 8; and Pedro, 5.
6 I work in the Stardust since at six years and a half. I work in
7 the housekeeping department and since then it has changed my
8 life. I was a baby sitter in Texas and in California and earned
9 \$30 to \$50 a week. Then after my niece called me and told me to
10 come, in Las Vegas you earn better in union casinos. But when I
11 arrived the first thing that I found was in a non-union casino
12 where I earned \$5 an hour. My daughter, Alexia, was born when I
13 didn't have any insurance. I had to pay close to \$4,000 to the
14 hospital. Now that I work in Stardust I earn \$10.05 an hour and
15 benefits. I bought my house and car because before I didn't
16 have anything. For the first time I can plan a vacation with my
17 husband and my four children.

18 Pedro, my husband, worked in landscaping. He also
19 earned \$5 an hour. He always came with wet and muddy shoes. We
20 had to buy several pairs because with the water they ruin fast.
21 Now he works in Treasure Island, a union casino. He doesn't
22 have to wear his clothes because they give him a uniform. Now
23 we have good benefits for our children.

24 Thank you for hearing me.

25 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.

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