

Hello my name is Brittanie Hernandez Wilson and I am a client who receives homecare services through PCA choice.

I was born with a disability and use an electric wheelchair to maneuver around. I have hired PCAs since I was 16 years old and believe that it is the reason to my success. I work full-time and have been working from home since this crisis started. I have a PCA that comes into my home daily to help me with activities like getting dressed, preparing meals, cleaning, going grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions , etc. Without the support from my PCAs I would not be able to live independently in my home or be able to support myself financially.

An increase in wages during this crucial time would have a huge impact on this industry - not only for PCAs but for clients too. Higher wages would allow me retain and recruit more staff. I'm relying more and more on these critical services in order to stay home. As a result, that means homecare workers are spending more on gas and are stressed out due to not having PPE, etc.

I believe it's time to prioritize our most vulnerable and those who serve them. Supporting this legislation and taking action NOW is an excellent way to start! I appreciate all of the support received for this PCA rate increase. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Brittanie