

*Dear Appropriations Committee,*

I'm here to speak to you today about wages and insurance for healthcare workers.

PCAs having health insurance is a good start, but there are still a lot of workers in this field who aren't PCAs who still need coverage. The 'hab aide who drives me to my medical appointments is an example of someone who is not eligible for the PCA insurance.

I believe there should be automatic raises for healthcare workers so they don't have to be requested every year.

Wages need to be increased so that the applicant pool for healthcare workers can grow and keep bringing in quality people who can afford to live on the money they make and encourage good workers to stay at a job where they are badly needed.

*Kay Brown*