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Hello,

My name is Sydney Hill, a state employee in Southern Nevada. I implore the committee to make it a priority to use ARP funding to invest in workers for our great state. Over 500 positions are currently open and multiple departments face understaffing. Especially in 24 hour facilities in critically important fields such as state hospitals or mental health facilities, constant mandatory overtime due to understaffing is exhausting our fellow employees. Using ARP funding for recruitment would be a lifesaver for Nevada state employees, and we would grow stronger as a state.

Additionally, we ask you to reimburse the 2021 furloughs with ARP funding. State employees lost desperately needed income while healthcare and living costs rose due to the pandemic.

Finally, please consider these rising healthcare costs and PEBP when deciding how to use the ARP funds. PEBP is underfunded, and as always, state employees are forced to make up that cost from their own pockets. We employees on the frontlines make daily sacrifices for our fellow citizens in Nevada. We ask that our sacrifices are recognized and compensated with the ARP funds.

Thank you,

Sydney Hill, LSW