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My name is Sherman Phillips and I am a Business Representative with the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers District Lodge 77.

I'm here today on behalf of Connor Robbins, who is a Nutrition Services Equipment Technician for Saint Paul Public Schools and a member of Local Lodge 459.

Connor is responsible for repairing and keeping all the machinery at the kitchens in working order. That includes the ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers, and more. The schools rely on Connor's expertise and skills to safely and efficiently feed their 38,000 students each day. In addition to these duties, throughout the pandemic he has worked side by side with the Nutritional Services workers making boxes of food available for pickup and delivery. Connor's technical skill in keeping the boxing machine running was essential to the district's ability to ensure thousands of children and families had nutritious meals during a time when so many parents struggled to put food on the table. He did his best with masking, distancing, and sanitizing, but still feared catching COVID and bringing it home to his family. All of Connor's co-workers and supervisors received Heroes Pay as part of the federal stimulus. But Connor did not.

As you decide who will receive frontline worker pay, please keep in mind all of the people like Connor who maintain, repair, and assemble the equipment that allows other frontline workers to do their jobs.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to speak today and tell Connor's story.