Patient and worker safety is the most important thing to me as a healthcare worker and union member. This has become more urgent with the outbreak of the coronavirus. I want to assert that the voices of the frontline caregivers is extremely important, especially AAPI workers as we are under scrutiny right now. We want to and need to provide care for our community but we are putting our own lives at risk.

Public health outcomes significantly improve when labor rights are respected and workers' voices are heard.

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