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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Johnny Hill
City/Town: Blue Island
State: IL
ZIP: 60406

Q2

Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
6/18/2020 10a**

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

Pandemic Pay

Q4

What do you want to do?

**DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING and PROVIDE
WRITTEN COMMENT FOR INFORMATION ONLY (You
may add written comments below)**

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

My name is Johnny Hill. I am a custodian employed by Cook County. This pandemic has hit close to home. My wife and I have had family members who have succumbed to the coronavirus. Each day that I go into work, I not put myself at risk, but my family as well. My wife is currently fighting cancer, and a disease like COVID-19 has serious implications for her. I want to know that Cook County Health will do all it to protect not only us workers, but our loved ones as well. We need more improvements to PPE access. We are in this mess because Cook County Health was simply not prepared. Moreover, our unit and others have been hit hard by under-staffing; there are simply not enough people to do the work that we need to do to protect patients and staff. That is not right. We need better protection, better staffing, and of course, hazard pay. We are still in the midst of a pandemic, and with an inevitable second wave in the coming months, it's more important than ever for Cook County Health to stand up and support us. That means being more proactive. A committee must come together to properly collect and allocate resources, set up proper pandemic protocol, and create a framework that supports their workers on the front-line. or protocol set up that creates framework for this.
