

My name is Eliseo Perez, and I am one of the workers that will be affected by unemployment at Genzyme.

In my family, I am the only who works to support my family.

I have a part time job, because it's been difficult to find a full time job. It would be wonderful to work full time!

I depend on this job greatly, because it's the only one I have.

I have two daughters who are college students.

I support them as much as I can, so that they can focus on their studies.

In the office where I work, around 25 people will be losing their jobs.

This means that around 25 families will suffer.

When a person loses their job, it affects their children.

As well, these families will be an additional burden on the unemployment system.

Non-union companies continue coming to Massachusetts, a very expensive state, and are paying workers miserable wages.

Many people don't know how to survive without the promise of work.

Eliseo Perez, Soon to be Affected Genzyme Worker  
Cambridge City Council, January 13, 2014 at 5:30 PM

They are afraid to pay their debts or make other economic commitments because they're afraid of losing their job. "Am I going to be able to stay working, or no?"

It is sad and unjust what is happening.

I want to thank the council for their support with this resolution, because it gives the affected workers the importance they deserve.