Chair Taylor Members of the Committee,

Before my leave of absence I was working 4 days of mandatory overtime a month. I was so frequently exhausted that I constantly worried about making mistakes. My staff and I are responsible for planned outings for individuals, but this becomes much more difficult when you're not getting enough sleep. It becomes unsafe to operate vehicles and injuries due to upset clients are much more likely.

I'm so exhausted that on my two days off, it's difficult to complete housework or spend quality time with my significant other on a regular basis. I don't get to do anything for my own pleasure, because I'm spending all of my time off recovering. Depression and anxiety have started to overtake my life. I have feelings of hopelessness and despair every day.

The abuse of mandatory overtime has made me want to leave SACU and seek employment elsewhere. We have already lost other employees due to the same issue. Unfortunately this does nothing to help the staffing crisis that SACU is facing and causes a greater need for mandatory overtime.

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