

Testimony of Jose Cabral

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Hi. My name is Jose Cabral. I have lived in Providence, Rhode Island for twenty three years. I was once a high school dropout but have since graduated. Thank God I found Promet who gave me an opportunity with a job, which I have held now since 1999. I started working as a laborer and now I operate a 400 metric ton Marine Travelift.

Promet employs people of many different nationalities. The employees at Promet all work together towards a common goal. Unlike what some developers who have referred to our industry as dinosaurs, we come together and find an effective way of performing our job. We are human beings working for a living, not dinosaurs.

Since 1985, I have been living just off Allens Avenue near the Providence River. I see the importance of the industries that have been here for decades. We don't need residential development. We need jobs.