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I LIVE A SMALL TOWN OF LESS THAN 2,000 PEOPLE WHERE <sup>THE</sup> ~~THE~~ WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IS LUCKY TO HAVE 1 OR 2 JOBS LISTED. THE STATE WORKSOURCE OFFICE VERY SELDOM HAS ANY JOBS TO OFFER IN THIS AREA OF MY COUNTY. PRIOR TO SECURING MY POSITION WITH OUR NEWLY OPENED CASINO I HAD BEEN OUT OF WORK FOR 10 mos. USING UP MY SAVING, RUNNING OUT OF UNEMPLOYMENT, & HAD STARTED INTO EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT. DURING THE PAST 20 mos WHILE WORKING HERE I HAVE SEEN SLOW-DOWNS, CUT-BACKS, LAYOFF'S, & FURLOUNDS FOR LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF MY FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO WERE EMPLOYED ELSEWHERE. OBVIOUSLY MY JOB IS VITAL TO MY VERY SURVIVAL ESPECIALLY WHEN LIVING IN AN AREA OF DECLINING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES BUT IT'S A LOT MORE THAN THAT, THIS JOB HAS GIVEN ME MY HONOR, MY SELF-RESPECT, & MY DIGNITY BACK. I'M A PROUD MEMBER OF THE MAVERICKS CASINO + SALOON FAMILY!

MOST SINCERELY  
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