

Dear Senator Roblan,

I am the mother of a nurse at OHSU, Portland. I live in Baltimore, MD and am very concerned about the safety of my daughter. My daughter is a trained ICU nurse. Her partner is also an ICU nurse at OHSU. They are both serving patients who have COVID 19. They do not have adequate Personal Protective Equipment.

Also, my *daughter in law* is an ICU nurse at Providence Hospital in Portland and she nursed a COVID-19 patient yesterday at work, and she had Hazmat protected headgear. In contrast, it seems that OHSU was not prepared properly for this situation. **OHSU at this point in time only has enough N95 masks for 2 weeks. What happens then?**

My daughter is very concerned and her biggest question is; why OHSU will not accept masks from external sources???

When I heard of this shortage, I found 2 boxes of masks here in Maryland and I send them to her. But at this point it seems that they will not be accepted.

As of yesterday OHSU changed their policy of unpaid 14 day leave for nurses, to paid leave. **This is good.** Going forward, however, overtime pay, and/or hazard pay may well become an issue.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify and thank you for putting together this Task Force and giving families a voice in protecting their children.

Blessings,

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