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I am writing this message as a concerned citizen with first hand experience of an issue of critical importance. The issue would be violence against health care workers. I believe that we need better legislation and laws that help to protect healthcare workers from acts of violence and encourage acceptable behavior from patients and better support for staff.

I myself have been assaulted by a patient more than once. This is not something that I signed up for. I became a nurse to help others, not to be abused, punched, kicked, spit on, choked, verbally abused and verbally assaulted.

Sincerely,

SyrLyn Gates