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Dear Chair Bynum and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to write to you in support of HB 4142 Healthcare Provider Protections Against Violence.

As the mother of a nurse who works in the Emergency Department and also related to no fewer than a dozen nurses who also work in a hospital setting, I ask that you vote in support of HB 4142. The violence our hospital workers and specifically our Emergency Room nurses are exposed to is unacceptable! According to the US Dept of Labor-OSHA, World Health organization, and American College of Emergency Physicians, a staggering 70% of Emergency Room Nurses report having suffered physical abuse during their work day. And many times the violence includes sexual assault. What if this was your daughter who was assaulted while trying to help others? Or your sister? Or your best friend? Would you stand by quietly and allow this to continue when you had the opportunity to protect those who have dedicated their life to help others? Please stand up and stop this injustice!

Please vote YES to help those whom we all rely on for help during our own emergencies!

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