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Enough is Enough,

I have been in the nursing profession since 2017. In my short time of nursing in the ER, I have been slapped, grabbed, held against my will, spit at, had my family threatened, myself threatened, and BOTH of my unborn children threatened while caring for patients. Repeat offenders act as though there are no consequences for their actions. I have witnessed law enforcement refusing to take a violent patient to jail who assaulted a healthcare worker. Patients and family members come into the ER and freely threaten staff because they don't think there are consequences for assaulting healthcare staff. Emotions are heightened in these settings, which means the consequences for violence and assault need to be heightened as well to keep healthcare workers SAFE. Unfortunately, time has shown us that people are more likely to behave and think carefully about their actions when there are real consequences for them.

Thank You,

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