Submitter: Renee Perry

On Behalf Of: Tamara Whittle MSN RN CCRN

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure: HB4142

Representative Davis,

I am writing in support of an amendment to legislation making it a felony to assault a healthcare worker.

As a former ICU nurse, I have been hit, kicked, spit at, and verbally abused. I have faired well. Some of my colleagues have not need so fortunate.

Our job is to take care of people in their times of greatest need. It's time for the state of Oregon to take care of us.

Thank you for your support.

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