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To Whom it may concern,

It's been brought to my attention that you are trying to add legislation that would escalate violent crimes against healthcare workers to felony offenses.

As a bedside RN for 14 years at Salem Health, I would like to send my support for this law. Over the past decade, I have worked in an environment of escalating violence. We are threatened daily by patients and visitors, and we also endure frequent assault and dangerous situations.

Despite these conditions, we continue to go to work during a pandemic to serve our community. It's time for the violence to stop. We deserve safety.

Thank you for your time,

Rachel Kaufman, RN BSN CCRN