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I oppose vehemently capping the salary of nurses in any capacity. This sets a very dangerous precedent for wage control by big business instead of allowing the market to drive the need. Why not cap the salary of the executives who make billions of dollars annually, including bonuses. Even at "not for profit" facilities. Without being able to compete and offer competitive wages, staffing shortages will only increase and the tremendous work we have done as staff nurses to create stroke centers, heart centers, will not be able to function as such and patients won't be able to get the care they need because of staffing shortages. We have been fortunate to assist so many patients through the pandemic because of traveling nurses. Capping our salaries is absolutely the wrong thing to do. We are the folks who provide the care, NOT the executives who reap the benefits of our hard work. Stop the madness!!