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Regarding the sudden interest in traveling nurses' wages, from both Federal and State legislatures, I would like to ask all those involved to stop and think seriously for a moment. To even consider the thought of putting a cap on the wages of traveling nurses is both ill-conceived and asinine.

The mere fact that this is even being discussed while we are in the midst of the worst pandemic in over 100 years, is baffling to me. I personally do not see Covid-19 slowing down in the near future; not with so many ignorant people who take stock in blatant misinformation. With ICU beds constantly full and our children and the elderly at risk, myself and other traveling nurses are needed now more than ever.

The only discussion involving a cap on wages should be reserved for CEO's and health administrators who are more interested in collecting a staggering paycheck than actually doing anything resembling work.

I became a nurse because I genuinely want to help people and I am very good at my job. I became a traveling nurse because I don't want to become stagnant or burnt out working in one place. At the end of the day, I have a family that I need to provide for and the income I earn from being a traveling nurse has allowed me to do just that while working in the frontlines of this pandemic. Do not take away my ability to earn a comfortable living doing the work that needs to be done right now.