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As an veteran RN I urge you to do all you can to ensure safe staffing ratios for all healthcare settings, especially hospitals. We have consistent data that shows the clear link between nursing ratios, patient mortality, and hospital-acquired infection rates. Remember that the purpose of being in a hospital is to get 24 hour assessment and care from RNs. If it were merely to see a doctor for a checkup or surgery then it could be done in an outpatient setting and then you could go home. No, the purpose is to receive care from nurses and benefit from the scientific approach to care that only comes from RNs.