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As a nurse in a busy and high risk Labor and Delivery unit I have seen the effects of unsafe staffing firsthand. We have had to delay care (postponing inductions of labor, stopping inductions midway through to wait for more staff, delay scheduled procedures, etc) on many instances in order to wait for more staff to arrive, if we even have more staff coming in. I have been forced to work 13 hour shifts with no lunch break or a lunch break late in the day due to lack of staff to safely watch my patient while I nourish myself.