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When we have safe staffing standards for our patients and healthcare systems and are able to provide the quality care they require, we strengthen our community. The pandemic lifted a veil to the critical importance of our healthcare system and those that deliver it. When we cut corners and stretch our healthcare providers with unsafe staffing everyone loses-the patient, their families/loved ones and the healthcare team that is trying to deliver the best care they can. I have heard that those that oppose this bill have stated that healthcare workers "need to learn to be uncomfortable" with less supportive staffing standards. This mentality will fracture our healthcare system when we are here to mend it. We can't place healthcare providers under more stress and tension. We will continue to lose quality healthcare providers. In a career that we chose to assist in healing, ease stress and encourage wellness, please keep us protected and able to deliver the high quality care our community deserves. Thank you.