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On Behalf Of:

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For the last seven years I have been leading the department at a well known hospital and since COVID I have watched the effects of critical understaffing of allied health and rehabilitation services. It is devastating our ability to provide care to our communities leading to long-term consequences for the patients that we serve, including an increased burden of care at discharge from the hospital where the patient is at a lower level of function, and sometimes the need to leave their home permanently for a higher level of care, which we also do not have. Please pass this bill.