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I'm an RN who works in an Emergency Department as a case manager. I see the effects of inadequate staffing every time I'm working. Nurses shouldn't have to go on strike to protest staffing shortages—and striking is only an option if nurses belong to a union.

Hospital administrators are almost always going to put higher profits/lower spending ahead of spending \$\$ to make safe/adequate staffing a priority. This needs to change, the current situation isn't fair to patients or nurses. The number of nurses who have left nursing for another profession recently is a clear sign that our current system is badly broken.