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I have been a bedside nurse in the state of Oregon for 17 years now. I have watched as hospitals slowly cut staffing back. At first it was taking the aids that help us with care, than cutting back housekeepers that clean. And then they started increasing our patient loads. There are many studies showing that as nurses get more patients outcomes worsen and more patients die as a result. Hospital administration doesn't care. We need laws to help protect from further cuts. Our patients lives, maybe one day yours, rely on better staffing.