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Please pass this bill. It is basic common sense that medical staff need support in terms of reasonable patient loads as well as adequate rest and recovery time from the inherent stress of their jobs. I am not a nurse, but I recently retired as a teacher. I wanted to keep teaching but our classroom and caseload numbers were too large to safely and adequately serve the students. I felt personally unsafe and ineffective in my job. Nurses and other medical professional keep us alive! Let's give them the basic tools they need to continue doing their work: time to rest and recover, support in manageable caseloads, and respect for the difficult work that they do.

Thank you,

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