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We can not have this bill passed, not now while healthcare staffing shortages are in crisis. Facilities, hospitals, etc are all running short staffed the majority of the time. Hospitals have been running over 100% capacity, with hall beds in the ER, and the state wants to short wages on healthcare workers who are working higher acuity caseloads and over time, some being manadated to stay at work, away from their families? We barely make a living wage, and yet we take care of people's loved ones and save life's everyday, and yet we can not afford to live ourselves. Healthcare workers are grossly underpaid as is, and cutting wages or putting a cap on wages is an insult to the industry and is only going to lead to more staffing shortages.