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TO: Senate Committee On Health Care

Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and members of the committee,

Testimony in Support of SB 537

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I am writing in support of SB 537, which seeks to end workplace violence in healthcare. This is a constant concern in my workplace, Peacehealth Riverbend in Springfield. Just last week, a patient assaulted staff with the medical equipment that was keeping him alive! It is a special kind of stress to be assaulted by someone while also responsible for their well being. No wonder there is a shortage of healthcare workers! Thank you for your support of this and other issues affecting our community.

- Asa Willow RN