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My name is Methee Carter and I have been a bedside registered nurse for about 9 years. My time at the bed side has included Peds medical surgical inpatient, NICU, and now OB. I have travel nursed to different states and have seen first hand the effects of poor staffing. I'm not sure why anyone would be opposed to safe staffing. Think about us caring for YOUR loved one and imagine your family member in an unsafe patient ratio. Things can get missed. Meds are late, assessments are late, call lights go unanswered, procedures get delayed and it only adds to the burnout of nursing staff. No one benefits from unsafe staffing, not even the hospital. The current staffing plan at my facility allows me to take extremely good care of our patients and they have an overall better experience.

There's really not much more for me to say other than for me to ask you, and whoever is writing the laws for us. Why do you want unsafe staffing? For profit margins? To save money? At what cost? People's lives? Is it worth it? It adds to poor patient outcomes and increases staff burnout. Put yourself in our shoes and in the shoes of those we take care of. Please keep our staffing safe.