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The only thing that hospitals care about is the bottom line and maximizing profits. They are not concerned about healthcare. It's a business to them.

The only ammunition we have as healthcare workers (that actually DO care about people's well-being) is the ability to make the hospitals feel the pinch when it comes to ensuring safe staffing.

If we don't stand up to their greed then I guarantee you they will trample all over the safety nets we are trying to install to ensure safe care for our community members. As a Nurse in the Neonatal Unit, I have been told by reliable sources that management say in meetings that they don't care if we file unsafe staffing reports because they are refusing to pay the fines.

They feel like they are above the law and this bill is their attempt to eradicate any kind of accountability when it comes to patient safety.

At my hospital in Springfield Oregon, we have stopped paying nurses time and a half to come in to help last minute on their days off. Our unit runs short.

We have let go car seat technicians who've ensured our babies went home safe and secure.

We have eliminated security guards to check parents into our maternal-child floor. Nurses are expected to answer a remote video door bell and open doors for them (and anyone else that happens to walk through at the same time!)

Nursing unit managers are being consolidated so that we now have one manager for over 200 nurses.

I could go on and on....

The cost cutting is coming from the people on the front lines, not the money-makers in Admin. They still make their millions as they whittle away at the caregiving staff that take care of your moms, kids and babies.

We need the state to make a stand and keep this hard-fought legislation in place. Please vote no on HB 4074.