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I am a pediatric oncology nurse at Oregon Health Science University. Our children are highly acutely ill and often have multi-system failure, requiring significant care. In addition, we care for dying children on a regular basis. If staffing ratios are increased, the patients will suffer. On many days, I have 3 very, very sick children (including bone marrow and stem cell transplant patients) and barely get a break. There is not way I could safely care for even one more patient. My patients and their families deserve to have nurses that are able to dedicate some quality time to care for their loved one, during what is undoubtedly the worst time in their lives. I would want the same for you or your child. Thank you, Sarah Connolly RN, APHON