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On Behalf Of:
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Dear Committee,

I'm imploring you to re think the nurse staffing law. I am a nurse of 26 years and have been through a lot and seen so much changes . We currently are in the phase again of saving every penny and giving nurses no resources, more charting , more complex patients . I work in postpartum and there is no such thing anymore as a normal baby and mom they are not as healthy as they use to be . Hospitals will give the very bare minimum they have to that is why unlimited fines is essential to keep them accountable. Kaiser currently has 67 million in saving reserves . I helped acheoved that and I deserve one uninterrupted lunch break on my 12.5 plus shift . I love what I do but I need your help to keep going and to keep the younger nurses in staying . The average new grad leaves the bedside in 5 years or less. We are hemorrhaging nurses ind the hospitals. Hospital bedside is not for the weak . We aren't really asking much expect to keep our patients safe as noted in a study every time you add a patient to a nurse their healthy outcomes plummets . I want to continue to give good quality care and it's been so much easier with the hospitals being held more accountable. There are still days with no lunch no break but it is no longer every day . Thank you for your time and service . Think about what kind of nurse you want taking care of you and what a difference adding ine more patient makes .

Sincerely

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