

Submitter: Kyle Williams
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4074
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice opposition to house bill 4074 safe staffing laws save lives. When a nurse has fewer patients, they can monitor vital signs more closely, catch subtle changes in patient condition faster, and more effectively respond to emergencies. We are currently in a global nursing shortage but many would argue it's actually a shortage of sustainable working conditions. Nurses are stretched thin. When they take on too many patients at once, they cannot provide the quality of care their patients deserve. We have to do what we can to reduce nursing turnover. It costs too much to replace a nurse who has quite due to burn out and we have to do everything we can do to attract new talent. Better care means shorter lengths of stays for hospital patients.

Please vote no on HB 4074.

Sincerely,
Kyle Williams
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