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To whom it may concern,

I implore legislative bodies to consider the strictest penalties for patients acting violently against nurses for any reason, in any location. I am a Registered Nurse and have been for 47 years. It is not uncommon for nurses to be slapped, pushed, pinched and pulled by patients in the clinical setting. Just last week, a night shift nurse "got caned" in the head by her patient using his walking cane as a weapon. In another example, a patient pulled and twisted a nurses' right arm. This was most severe injury I witnessed, needing 3-4 surgeries to mend the broken bones in the hand and forearm. I am eager to protect bedside nurses from these violent acts.

Sincerely yours,
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