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On Behalf Of: John Carpenter Parent of Two RNs
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB4142

I am writing in support of HB4142, that would expand the crime of assault and increase penalties for intentional acts of violence against hospital workers. Both of my daughters are nurses and have been the victims of violence in their role as nurses. They have been grabbed, pinched, slugged, intentionally urinated on, and verbally abused and threatened by patients.

From what I have read, the protections offered by this bill already exist for public transit operators, emergency medical service providers, taxi operators, flaggers, highway workers, correction officers, and youth authority staff. I was shocked to discover that hospital workers do not get the same protection. That is shameful!

I urge the state legislatures to pass HB4142!

Sincerely,
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