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You cannot pass this bill. I have been a nurse for over 10 years now, and spent the last 2 years working in a covid icu. Working with the sickest of the sick covid patients, landed these patients on the ultimate life support called ECMO. The training and skill needed to take care of these patients was very high. This was by far operating at the top of my nursing scope. If we did not have the option to utilize travel and agency nurses, I would have been taken out of the ecmo role, and to take care of less I'll patients. Which would have lead to many deaths. Capping nurse pay is robbing Peter to pay Paul. If we want to stay competitive in this country, you have to be able to offer nurses more pay. Capping these salaries is not the place to start lowering health care costs. All that will happen is more people will die, without nurses to take care of them!