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I have been an ICU (intensive care nurse) for 7 years. In the last 3 years I have been watching our health care system deteriorate before my eyes. Too many of my colleagues have left the bedside and I have real fear that I may be one of the few remaining at the bedside in the next few years. I have had too many conversations with my nurse friends and colleagues that feel they may be writing in the next year. Patients are getting sicker, more violent, families more volatile. Assignments are getting larger, with higher acuity all with less and less help at the bedside. It is dangerous to be a nurse and dangerous for our patients. We need this bill to help ensure the safety of our communities and our nurses.