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To Whom It May Concern:

Unsafe staffing in the hospital creates a ripple effect and ultimately ends up in the hands of emergency department staff and patients. One night, as a charge nurse in the ED, I asked for help from our leaders in the hospital. We were bursting at the seams; being asked to absorb the critically ill patients for unknown amount of hours while their floors figured their staffing out. Also while aggressive after aggressive patients arrived needing multiple resource care.

I was told by leadership

“This is what you signed up for!”

Moral injury is real. I cannot do good enough with the resources I have.

~ Julie Jorgensen

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