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Safe nurse-to-patient ratios are critical to the functioning of our healthcare system. The hospitals themselves have repeatedly proven incapable of doing anything that might harm their bottom line unless forced to do so, so this bill is necessary to do just that. At a time when nurse and other support staff are in great demand and are being severely overworked, we need to make it easier for people to actually choose this job. We need to be supporting nurses (and doctors for that matter, since they too are affected by short staffing) because otherwise people will rightly look at nursing as a job that will over work you until you quit and we won't have people to, you know, do the job.

Passing legislation like this is the job of progressive lawmakers and I expect you to resist the fear mongering and threats you may get from hospital executives who have nothing but profits in mind. Resist it, pass this legislation, and people will have your backs.