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I have worked as a nurse for almost 10 years now. I have seen more of my coworkers start retiring over the past 3 years since the start of the pandemic with more planned over the next 5 years. This is a basic supply and demand issue. The aging population is currently the largest it's been (The Baby Boomers") and they are now taking advantage of Medicare and treating their health problems. This means more people in higher demand of healthcare with less currently staffed RN's to provide care. This will greatly lead to tragic and horrific mistakes while providing patient care or it will lead more RN's to burn out and leave the field. Which will in turn leave more gaps in care. By protecting the nurses and staffing ratios, you protect the patients.