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I've worked in healthcare for 15yrs. Agencies aren't paying astronomical unreasonable wages. They're paying competitive wages. There aren't enough healthcare workers as it is. Lowering pay won't change that... it'll make it worse. More people will leave healthcare. If my wages go down again I plan to leave healthcare permanently. Even with these higher wages compared to facilities pay. I can't buy a house or live on my own renting In Portland OR. These places making tons of money, opening new buildings and paying their employees unlivable wages. Instead of them pumping money into stopping agencies wages. They should pump livable wages into their own staff.