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To all Oregon State Legislature members. Re: HB 2665

I strongly Oppose passing this bill.

I have been a critical care nurse in Oregon for 7 years and a nurse for 12 years. I worked through the Covid pandemic and have been through the swine flu pandemic as an EMT before I was a nurse. As you are all aware, the nursing profession is facing a large shortage of qualified nurses. The Covid pandemic has shown us that these difficult times cause an increase in nurse burnout resulting in nurses leaving the profession. It will also cause an unsafe environment for patients within our hospital systems.

Having said all this, I believe that passing a bill that would limit nurse wages will have a significant negative impact on staffing especially during future pandemics, and setting our state up for failure like that is not a wise idea. This is why I strongly oppose this bill.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require any clarification

Sincerely,

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