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Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Wallan and Members of the Committee:

My name is Troy Winslow and as an acute care healthcare worker, I am writing to express my strong support for HB 4088-2, a vital piece of legislation aimed at protecting healthcare workers from the pervasive issue of workplace violence. Healthcare professionals devote their lives to caring for others, and it is essential that we prioritize their safety in the workplace. HB 4088-2 represents an important step towards ensuring that healthcare workers can perform their jobs without fear of violence. I urge you to pass this crucial bill to safeguard the well-being of those who dedicate themselves to the well-being of others

The -2 amendments provide clearer provisions in terms of reporting, transparency and accountability. We are delighted to see that the voice of workers represented by a labor union will continue to be in conversations via the safety committees across hospitals. The reporting mechanism allows DCBS to collect information sent to federal OSHA which will allow for the state to really capture what is happening on the ground. In addition, HB 4088 provides enhanced penalties for certain crimes of assault when the alleged crime was done.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for this bill and urge the committee to vote yes on HB 4088.

Troy Winslow