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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2792

RE: Support for HB 2792

To the House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards,

Transparency is key if we want to push for safe standards in healthcare. The disparity in pay leaves the individuals that hospitals are there to serve most vulnerable -- frontline workers and their patients. I have heard repeatedly that the cost of giving us all we are asking for in our contracts has been exceeded several fold by the costs of replacement worker's inflated wages, decreased patient ratios, reduced patient capacity, and lodging, transportation, and meals for the strike breaking staff. Let's prove it by demanding the numbers. This will help the public and employees to understand that this is not about Providence not having the money to give us a fair contract. This is about power and showing disrespect for our profession as well as a blatant disregard for the importance of showing accountability not only for every life that we hold in our hands, but to recruit and retain experienced nurses. This is the only way to provide optimal care. Expose the facts.

Thank you for accepting my testimony and I look forward to your support.
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