

Dear Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and members of the committee:

My name is Angelo Bologna - I have worked at OHSU for about 6 years as a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

I work in an outpatient clinic, and we see primarily federally insured patients both on state medicare/medicaid.

I will run through several safety stories I have from my brief time here.

- You have seen my head on the handgun story
- I have been held after hours in clinic, by myself, with patients who refuse to leave. This will be long after Social Work has left their work, and my only option is to call public safety who often won't show up with any meaningful quickness
- I watched a man be arrested on the floor of our clinic, who refused to leave unless we conceded to his demands. It took us three hours to resolve this with public safety.
- A patient handed me a hand drawn map of our clinic, including staff congregation areas, ingress/egress points, and said this was a hobby he had to prepare for joining the military, in a manner that made me worried about some kind of mass shooting planning
- I have been screamed at over mask mandates and vaccine mandates, over my employer's changes to insurances
- We are currently under threats (FOIA requests) to get access to the names/faces of staff who provide gender affirming care. You can peruse deiwatchlist.com which is generated by the American Accountability Foundation
- Patients often will come in with details about myself, which they can gather because I am a public worker, that my photo is visible on an employer website, and my first and last name are visible.

We are front line staff, and we are caring for sicker and sicker people every day. We are caring for the people on the receiving end of our failing mental health systems, our failing substance use systems, and et cetera.

We as healthcare workers are often fielding the brunt of political frustrations. I do not speak lightly in saying there is both current and historic political violence directed toward healthcare workers. I wish to speak about the state I am originally from - Tennessee, where in 2023 an orthopedic surgeon at a renowned clinic was shot and killed in an exam room by a patient. I trained as a student physical therapist in this clinic. We have as well Tulsa in 2022 - an orthopedic surgeon shot by a frustrated patient regarding pain medication.

I should not have to fear for my life safety at my employment. I will not die for this job or any other job in my career. I am infinitely more helpful to the world if I am safe at my employment and can continue the work sustainably.

Often as these bills are written, they take into account nursing staff and inpatient staff. I do not wish to dismiss those jobs, but I wish for understanding that any outpatient clinic is public facing and is more easily accessible than inpatient departments. This is where every day people wind up with their personal and political frustration, or with a weapon. Outpatient clinics don't have

metal detectors. We aren't trained to de-escalate or disarm people. We should not be expected to - that is not the scope of my professional doctoral training.

I am expressing support for this bill in total, but specifically

- First name only badges, so that I am free of fear that people will target me outside of my work.
- Union representation is safety committees, so that I know my managers can't sweep another safety event under the rug as "that's just the job"
- Mental health first aid and wage compensation after a traumatic or violent event occurs in my work, so that I am not expected to continue my shift rendering poor work
- Workplace violence safety reporting - it is more common than you know. It is under-reported.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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