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TO: Senate Committee On Health Care

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

Testimony in Support of SB 537

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Threats to my safety over the course of my career have been sadly,
a fact of life, but they have left a mark. This needs to change.
- Making home visits can be dangerous - I've entered homes
with set up sniper rifle, or handgun on the table, actual
drug use, inappropriate language, violation of personal space
sometimes sexual/physical threats; shouted at, called names,
- one time, a client became agitated - called me a 'gown of the state'
& started chasing me in the room so I had to make a hasty
exit - it was very disturbing - I did not have a 'safety alert'
device - some employees assume we could use our phones
totally at risk - silent panic alerts are needed, in the field
- another episode involved a Road Rage incident on the
way to visit a client - it was very scary - I feared for my safety.
Premier Support SB 537 is vital - please support safety for
nurses

Thank you for accepting my testimony and I urge your support of SB 537.

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