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I'll be honest, I can't believe we are back here. After years of fighting to have safe staffing laws in our state and succeeding, once again the people in charge prove they don't care about patients or nurses. I am a nurse that has worked in adult acute care for 9 years, I have seen the positive impact that safe staffing has had in my place of work. Nurses are able to spend more time at the bedsides of their patients which has led to; reduction in falls, hospital acquired infections, pain that is addressed in a timely manner, reductions in delays of care and reductions in staff turn over. A nurse that is frantic and stressed is more likely to make mistakes, is more likely to miss changes in patient hemodynamics, is more likely to despair at their inability to be where they are needed and is more likely to leave the nursing profession all together. Let's get back to honesty. The real problem here is that hospitals do not want to have to pay the fines for failing to address their staffing obligations despite having 2 years to prepare and hire accordingly. Once again, nurses are being told, our safety, our licenses and our patients are not as important as the bottom line. Get the fuck out of here.