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Testimony of
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In support of Raised HB5384
An Act Concerning Reports of Nurse Staffing levels
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I have been a Registered Nurse at Danbury Hospital since 2006. I am writing to support H.B. 5384, an Act Concerning Reports of Nurse Staffing Levels. I support Transparency in Nursing because nursing staffing levels should be published because the hospital needs to be accountable and forthright when staffing is not adequate.

Poor staffing levels directly affects the quality of patient care and also causes increase risk to the RN. We're not only at higher risk for injuring ourselves with less staff but also at higher risk for not being able to give the higher level of care to patients in need of this which directly puts our nursing license at risk. I believe this bill being passed will help insure that staffing levels will be safe and will make management think twice before running a floor short on patient care technicians or RNs.

The hospitals' should be responsible for staffing levels and the public should know about these levels. They should know the quality of care they will get in any Connecticut Hospital.

Please support HB 5384.

Sincerely,
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