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Testimony of
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An Act Concerning Reports of Nurse Staffing levels
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I have been a Registered Nurse at Danbury hospital since 2008 and I support transparency in nursing because this is how I expect my family to be treated. Just like every other industry when you cut staff short satisfaction falls. We all face it everyday. But this is healthcare, not McDonalds. We strive to make hospital stays as best we can. However, there is only so much one individual can do/produce/satisfy. Perhaps you should look at Starlings Law, as well as other indices. When stretched passed their limits, outcomes decline. Why don't you tell the public that information? I'm sure they would understand. At one time, a positive patient outcome was being discharged from the hospital. Now it has come down to food, air temperature, and the ambience of the hospital. I understand there are always room for improvement in comfort and patient care. Cutting staff short is not one of them. Doctors are frustrated as well. Why don't we put this out to the community and let them decide. Do you want a hotel? Or do you want a hospital that takes all things into consideration and provides the best quality of care because they do the numbers right regardless of profit? Because it's the right thing to do at the right time and the right thing to do for patients and families. Hopefully, rational decision making will determine the next course of action. Hope my voice is heard because all of us are fragile in time of need. Make sure the people are there to help.

Thank You,

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