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Testimony of  
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In support of HB 5384  
An Act Concerning Reports of Nurse Staffing levels  
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I have been a Registered Nurse at Danbury Hospital since 2008. I am writing to support H.B. 5384, An Act Concerning Reports of Nurse Staffing Levels. I support transparency in nursing because as a nurse who has worked short staffed with seven and sometimes eight patients during a shift, I find it difficult to give the quality nursing care that is required to provide proper patient care. Important things can get overlooked and proper education cannot be performed with such a high patient-nurse ratio. A patient's acuity level can change at any time, therefore changing the dynamic of any shift.

Nurses are the front line in caring for patients. It is our responsibility to properly assess, diagnose, plan, implement and evaluate patients effectively. We also provide education for these patients regarding the medication they are receiving and the healing process. We educate on why we provide the care we do and the rationale for it. Would you want your family member being taken care of by a nurse that is stretched really thin and highly stressed? Wouldn't you prefer that the nurse have the ability to spend quality time with your family member in order to fully assess, diagnose, treat and educate your family member?

Thank you,

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