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In support of HB 5384  
An Act Concerning Reports of Nurse Staffing Levels  
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Greetings,

I have been a registered nurse at Danbury Hospital since 2003. I am writing to ask you to support HB 5384. The public should know what staffing is like in their hospital. There should be transparency in all staffing levels.

Working short staffed is a dangerous situation. I work in Labor and Delivery. We are dealing with mothers' and babies' lives. It could be your family member. I understand being "money wise" for a hospital to thrive; however one lawsuit for pure negligence in one case will cost the hospital far more than an additional full time nurse's annual salary.

As nurses we learn to move faster and cut corners to be able to provide the care needed. The stress this places on us bedside nurses and lack of satisfaction in our caregiving is inexcusable and easily preventable.

The public has a right to know that the hospital they choose for care will be able to provide and care for them safely.

Thank you,

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