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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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Dear Public Health Committee,

I have been a nurse at Danbury Hospital since 2009. I am working in the Step Down Unit. We take care of the open heart patients who leave the Cardio Thoracic Intensive Care Unit and some unstable patients who do not meet the criteria to be admitted to Intensive Care. I support the transparency bill because working short staffed creates a very unsafe environment for not only the patients but for the staff as well.

Many times we do not have the nursing assistance needed to turn patients or help them toilet and it has resulted in some of my colleagues being out with a workers' compensation injury.

We are required to do teaching to prevent readmissions and sometimes the discharge teaching is rushed and does not allow enough time for the RN to make sure the patient and family understand the directions given.

The public should know what staffing levels are at Connecticut hospitals. I ask you to support HB 5384.

Thank you,
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