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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 members,

I am a Registered Nurse at Danbury Hospital working as a Unit Without Walls, (float) nurse. I see many places where staffing is not adequate and/or not utilized efficiently. The nurses cannot do the work required, in the hours they are working. I am asking you to vote in support of HB 5384, for transparency in nursing.

If staffing levels were published, then people would see some of the areas for running the hospital more efficiently. For example, I and some of my colleagues could be trained to go to the Emergency Department or Intensive Care Unit. When there are call outs or leaves of absence, we can float to these departments. We are not trained to work in these areas, leaving them short staffed.

Published staffing levels would be a valuable asset to advertize for the best nurses out in the workforce that have multiple skill levels and competencies to work in various areas. This makes staffing more flexible and would save money in the long run.

Please support HB 5384.

Thank you,
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