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Testimony of
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In support of Raised HB5384
An Act Concerning Reports of Nurse Staffing levels
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To the Public Health Committee,

I have been a Registered Nurse at Danbury Hospital since 2008 and I support HB 5384, and ask you to join me. I support Transparency in Nursing because working without the appropriate staffing is not safe for us or our patients.

Recently the staffing on weekends has been bad as 7:1 or 8:1, this means one RN responsible for 7 or 8 patients and without proper ancillary staff as well. We are not giving quality care. We have difficulty to keep up with the bare minimum of care when the ratio's become like this.

But we should not look at just numbers, the acuity impacts the level of staffing needed. There should be an algorithm to determine the proper staffing levels the patients will need, and the public should be able to access this plan.

With many discharges & admissions occurring and sometimes without our floor support staff, giving the higher level of care that we are expected to give, is impossible.

That is why I feel we need to support this Bill and I ask for your support of HB 5384.

Thank you for your time,
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