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Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, Senator Markley, Representative Srinivasan, and members of the Committee on Public Health,

I'm Senator Rob Kane and I am testifying in support of Proposed Senate Bill No. 110: *AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY ON REPORTS OF THREATS AND ASSAULTS AGAINST HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES.*

A hospital should be a safe environment for its employees as well as the patients residing in it. Hospital employees are rarely trained, nor should they be, to handle physical violence, or threats of such action. Likewise, no hospital employee should have any concern of protecting his or herself against patients. I am proposing that we conduct a study on the responses of hospitals to threats and assaults, policies associated with this matter, and the prevalence of these occurrences in hospitals to ensure that effective safety standards are being carried out.

I ask that this is looked into at greater depth. Issues have been brought forth to me that are concerning in this matter and others will testify with personal stories. I would like to say that what I have heard already is alarming. A study conducted on this issue would be the first step in addressing this problem and forming an idea of how the state of Connecticut is doing in responding to these situations.

Thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 730.

Sincerely,

Senator Rob Kane  
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