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Testimony of
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In support of Raised S. B. 855
An Act Concerning Reports of Nurse Staffing levels
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To the Public Health Committee,

I am a Registered Nurse at Danbury Hospital since 2008, and I support S. B. 855 An Act concerning Reports of nurse Staffing levels. Transparency in Nursing is an ESSENTIAL and NECESSARY component in helping maintain the level of safety for Patients in my hospital.

I work in a fast paced, high acuity Emergency Department, where making split second decisions is almost an everyday requirement for me. Working understaffed results in nurses who rarely have a meal break, or if they do, are required to watch another nurse's patient load while he/she takes a break. This short staffed environment poses a great danger to patients as they are being cared for by nurses who feel stressed. For a nurse to accurately make that split second decision or even a simple med calculation, it is vital that they are provided a work environment that does not add stress to an already stressful job.

I love being a Nurse and it saddens me that this Bill would not be recognized as something of great importance by the CT Hospital Association.

This is not just a Nursing Union watching the backs of their nurses. This is, foremost, a Collaboration of Men and Women who chose a profession that is dedicated to caring for the sick or infirm, trying to ensure the safety of their Patients...no less!

Please vote for S. B. 855.

Thank you,
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