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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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I am writing to support S.B.855, An Act Concerning Reports of Nurse Staffing Levels. I support mandatory reporting of staffing levels in Connecticut health care facilities. I have been an RN for 39 years and I feel a strong professional and personal fulfillment knowing that I do my job well in giving the best care possible to my patients.

With recent budget cuts, hospitals like Danbury Hospital have laid off employees including several experienced RNs leaving some patient care units chronically short- staffed. I think our patients should know that they can "travel the safe road to recovery" if there are enough nurses to provide them with quality care that meets their needs.

The hospital management should work collaboratively with the RNs directly involved in patient care in planning and implementing staffing levels that best meet the needs of patients.

I agree that the hospitals should submit data annually and have this on the Department of Public Health website, to show their staff to patient ratio.

I ask you to amend S.B. 855 to allow the public to access this information, in order to make educated decisions about their health care choices.

Sincerely,

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