



Testimony of
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SB 1002 AAC Labor Issues Related to COVID-19, Personal Protective Equipment, and other Staffing Matters.
HB 6595 AAC Labor Matters Related to COVID-19, Personal Protective Equipment, and other Staffing Matters.

Senator Kushner, Representative Porter and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

I have been a nurse for 30 years and 2020 has been the worst year of my life in the work setting. This Pandemic has made an everlasting negative impression on my life forever. Staffing levels have been horrible and nurses do not have the time to do the care we need to for our patients. Patient Staffing Transparency is so important because the community needs to be aware of the poor patient nurse staffing ratios. Safe staffing saves lives.

Section 12 Hazard Pay is something all frontline workers deserve. The fear we face on a daily basis has given many of us scars and grief. As President of Danbury Nurses Union, life as a nurse has never been worse.

Please pass these bills and allow us to begin the healing process.

Thank you,
Janice Stauffer