



**Raised S.B. 960 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE  
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CROWDING**

*PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
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Good Morning Senator Anwar, Representative McCarthy-Vahey, Senator Kushner, Senator Marx, Representative Parker, Senator Somers, Representative Klarides-Ditria and honorable members of the Public Health Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support with modifications on **Raised S.B. 960 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CROWDING** on behalf of the Connecticut Nurses' Association (CNA).

We welcome the formation of a working group to study and identify solutions to the challenges facing the healthcare system, particularly in the emergency room. Registered Nurses are indeed an essential part of the healthcare workforce, and their roles in the emergency room are varied and crucial.

Adding two members from the CT Chapter of the Emergency Nurses Association and two members from the CT Nurses Association to the workgroup would provide valuable perspectives and insights into the challenges faced by nurses in the emergency room. Their expertise and experience would be invaluable in identifying solutions to improve patient care and support the nursing staff. Nurses are at the bedside, triage, trauma, as well as management and they also intersect with the hospital floors where patients get admitted out of the ER, and the nurse administrators monitoring staffing.

It's important to have a diverse representation in the workgroup to ensure that all perspectives are considered and part of the solution. The addition of these members would be a step in the right direction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Sandor".

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