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LD 451

I am writing to request that you support LD 451 - An Act to Ensure Transparent and Accountable Temporary Nurse Agencies.

As an Administrator for a Long-Term Care Facility, I cannot stress to you how important it is to the industry to find some way to regulate what these agencies are charging facilities. I honestly feel if these rates continue it will have grave consequences to every long-term care facility in the state.

As a facility we cannot compete with what the agencies are paying their staff. Do you realize we are paying \$52.00 an hour for a Certified Nursing Assistant? How can a facility possible sustain itself with those rates? Unlike house staff, agency staff have no vested interest in providing a caring environment to residents.

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