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LD 1639

Dear Labor Committee,

I am writing in support of LD 1639 Safe staffing ratios for bedside nursing. Both my husband and I have undergone hospital stays at EMMC and St. Joe's in Bangor in the past year. It was quite noticeable when nurses were understaffed, which caused a lot of stress on the patient & family member who feels helpless & angry when that occurs. It is also just as obvious when competent, knowledgeable, and efficient nurses provide expert care. They brought us comfort, acted on our behalf and recognized what help was needed to help us recover and thrive. Nurses need this support from lawmakers to guide management so nurses can do their jobs well; without burnout. Please vote "ought to pass" on this comprehensive bill which includes standards, audits, and sanctions.