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LD 532

Testimony opposing LD 532 to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety on February 10, 2025. Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus & distinguished members of the Committee:

My name is Janet Drew. I'm a retired RN, and I live in York, and I ask that you oppose LD 532, An Act to Protect Health Care Workers by Addressing Assaults in Health Care Settings. This bill doesn't protect health care workers, but it punishes a person with mental health issues. Schizophrenia, mania and other conditions may put staff in harms way. Hospitals and other care institutions require the protocols, training and sufficient staff for protection. Please OPPOSE this bill, which punishes and causes harms, but does nothing to prevent harms. Thank you.