

HB 285 – Nurse Workforce & Safe Patient Care Act
Proponent Testimony by Kevin Padilla

Chair Swearingen, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee.

I am writing to express my thoughts and concerns regarding Ohio Bill 285, particularly from the perspective of someone who deeply cares about a nurse working tirelessly in our healthcare system.

As the boyfriend of a dedicated nurse, I witness firsthand the immense challenges and sacrifices that healthcare professionals endure daily. Ohio Bill 285, which aims to address critical issues within our healthcare system, holds significant importance for those who are at the frontline of patient care.

My girlfriend, like many of her colleagues, often works long hours under strenuous conditions, facing both physical and emotional stress. The provisions within Ohio Bill 285 that seek to enhance working conditions, ensure fair compensation, and provide necessary support for nurses are not just legislative measures; they are essential steps to safeguard the well-being of those who care for us in our times of need.

Improving nurse-to-patient ratios, offering mental health support, and ensuring adequate rest periods are crucial elements that can profoundly impact the quality of care nurses provide. These measures will not only benefit the nurses but also improve patient outcomes and the overall efficiency of our healthcare system.

I urge you to consider the positive impact that Ohio Bill 285 can have on the lives of nurses and, by extension, on the health and well-being of our community. Supporting this bill is a step towards recognizing and valuing the indispensable contributions of nurses, who are the backbone of our healthcare system.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective. I sincerely hope that you will support Ohio Bill 285 and help create a better working environment for our nurses.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla