

HB 285 – Nurse Workforce & Safe Patient Care Act
Proponent Testimony by Caroline Brooks, RN

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

I am a current citizen of Ohio, military spouse, and registered nurse in the state of Pennsylvania, where I maintain my original license. I heard about the hearing on House Bill 285 and want to briefly tell you that I support safe staffing ratios.

I have been out of work while raising young children, but lately I have been considering seeking employment where I live in Ohio to go back to work. Knowing there are dangerous staffing ratios has thus far prevented me from taking that step.

I know my safety concerns are not unique, so I want to add my voice in support of HB285.

Thank you,

Caroline Brooks