

**HB 285 – Nurse Workforce & Safe Patient Care Act**  
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Chair Swearingen, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee.

I am a staff nurse at CC Akron General Medical center. The need for safe staffing is seen daily. Patient rounds which are expected hourly, fall prevention, proper expectations of care, along with documentation all depends upon having time to do this very important things. If one nurse has one more patient that research says that puts the patients at risks for medication errors, falls, lack of care & rounding. Research says on the medical floor nurses should not have more than 4 patients. Please see that we nurses can safely take care of our patients by passing an Ohio law that sets patient ratios for all nurses working in a hospital.

I thank you for your time

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