We urge you to pass this bill because:

- Nurses are the largest employed group in the hospital, making them the backbone of the healthcare workforce, providing care in all sectors of the hospital.

- Today’s nurses have significant expertise in the areas of quality care, patient safety, healthcare administration and management.

- Nurses are crucial stakeholders in the success of any hospital since they are on the front lines in developing strategies for excellence in quality care and patient safety, positively affecting the bottom line while promoting high-quality, evidence-based, and culturally competent care.

- Gallup polls consistently rate nurses as the most trustworthy of all other professional groups.

- Lastly and most important, nurses are bound to a Code of Ethics, in which their primary commitment is to the patient, whether an individual, family, group, community, or population.