

TO: House Committee on Healthcare

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RE: Written Testimony for H.259: *An act relating to preventing workplace violence in hospitals*

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The Vermont Professional Nursing and Vermont Nurse Practitioner Organizations Coalition would like to extend its profound appreciation for your support and work on H.259: an act relating to preventing workplace violence in hospitals.

As we all watched today's Senate Chamber session and heard the resounding 'aye' passing this bill, we were able to take a breath that we've been holding for far too long.

This legislation will now be the building blocks that we will all be able to use in order to implement programs that will not only support our personal safety, but subsequently help preserve our ability to provide quality care to our patients, and work towards a sustainable workforce.

Your dedication to the best interest for our state and its communities was evident in all of our conversations and we thank you for you that.

Our coalition was created in order to participate in these conversations and legislation to support those processes and implementations in healthcare being bridged successfully from you, to us, to our patients.

We are here to help and we look forward to working with you again.