

To: Chairwoman Susan Concannon and House Committee on Children and Seniors

Subject: Testimony in Opposition of HB2524

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Registered Nurse Summary:

As a Registered Nurse (R.N.) with 28 years of experience in a variety of nursing areas, I strongly oppose HB2254. According to the American Nurse Association, by 2022 there will be more R.N. jobs available than any other profession. 500,000 experienced R.N.'s is expected to retire by 2022. The US Bureau of labor statistics projects the need for 1.1 million new R.N.s for expansion and replacement of retirees and to avoid a nursing shortage. If HB2524 would pass imagine the chaotic settings within our medical facilities. I believe there would be a mass exodus of R.N.s leaving the field seeking out another profession, if not retiring all together.

Personal Experience:

Taking us through the day working as a R.N. (Agency nurse) at a Memory Care Facility.

Closing Remarks:

Thanking House Representatives for the opportunity to speak on this issue.

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