VERSION 1: LEGISLATOR MISSING IN ACTION

**[Allentown] nurses press [legislator] on patient safety**

**Tired of Nurses Week platitudes, nurses show up expecting an answer**

Nurses Week usually sees politicians and management thank nurses with cookies and ice cream. But this year, local nurses visited their state legislator to ask for something much more meaningful to them and their patients.

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“**As a nurse, my priority is my patients. I like being recognized in Nurses Week, but I need more than empty gestures. If my legislator *really* stands with nurses, they’ll support safe staffing ratio laws.”**

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Frontline nurses want ratios, citing research that shows they would reduce medical errors, improve quality of care, reduce costs and save patients’ lives.[[1]](#footnote-0) But they are opposed by wealthy hospital corporations who are reluctant to pay to hire more nurses.

[Senator Browne] was not present when local nurses visited [his] [local] office today. Despite nurses’ calling weeks in advance, [he] [gave whatever reason or no reason at all].

Local nurses have met with [Senator Browne] before in [time], and asked for his decision on whether or not to support the laws by Nurses Week. Today, they returned for an answer.

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**“1 in 50 people in Pennsylvania is a nurse. We’re the most trusted profession in the country. If legislators want our votes this year, we expect theirs,”** said [Nurses Name].

Contact: [Nurses Name],[Nurses **cell phone**], [Nurses **email**]

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VERSION 2: LEGISLATOR SHOWED UP, DIDN’T SUPPORT

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[Allentown] nurses visited [Senator/Represent LASTNAME] today, after meeting [him] before at [time] and asking for his decision on co-sponsoring the laws by Nurses Week.

[Senator/Representative LASTNAME] [said he has heard about this patient care crisis, but stopped short of declaring his support for safe ratio laws, citing the need for more research or consultation.]

Nurses were not deterred. **“1 in 50 people in Pennsylvania is a nurse. We’re the most trusted profession in the country. If legislators want our votes this year, we expect theirs,”** said [Nurses Name].

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VERSION 3: LEGISLATOR SHOWED UP + SUPPORTED

**[Allentown] nurses thank [NAME] as Nurses Week champion**

**Tired of Nurses Week platitudes, nurses test legislators on patient safety laws**

Nurses Week is usually a time for politicians to thank nurses. But this year, [Allentown] nurses visited [Senator/Represent LASTNAME] office to thank [*him*], for championing nurses’ legislative priority.

“**One in ten patient deaths in hospitals could be avoided by passing safe nurse-patient ratio laws**,” said [Nurse’s Name], a [registered nurse] in [neighborhood].

“**As a nurse, my priority is my patients. I don’t want cookies or empty gestures. I want more legislators to do what [Senator/Represent LASTNAME] is, and support life-saving ratio laws.”**

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Nurses want ratios, citing research that shows they would reduce medical errors, improve quality of care, reduce costs and save patients’ lives.[[3]](#footnote-2) But they are opposed by wealthy hospital corporations who are reluctant to pay to hire more nurses.

[Senator/Represent LASTNAME] met with nurses in person at his [Allentown] office, to reiterate his public support for safe ratio laws, saying [whatever he said on the sign].

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2. See research summary: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Qu2LrGWI3rBn6ah7u8dOICCTLBzq17ZY>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
3. See research summary: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Qu2LrGWI3rBn6ah7u8dOICCTLBzq17ZY>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)