



NURSES OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Dear Candidates for Pennsylvania's Legislature,

On behalf of 250,000 Pennsylvania nurses, we write to ask your position on our top priority – safe patient limits. Will will share with all nurses where you and all candidates stand.

We are a grassroots group of 11,000 working bedside nurses: Republican (25%) Democrat (25%) and Independent (50%), in every county of this state.

Right now our patients' lives are being put at risk by dangerous, unprecedented short-staffing. Safe patient limits laws which exist in other states would fix that, avoiding 1 in 10 patient deaths.

This year, we plan to ask every candidate for state legislative office to publicly declare their position on these important safe patient limits laws before the legislature (HB1500 + SB214).

We will then share candidates' answers (either 'Supports', 'Opposes' or 'Didn't Answer') with the quarter of a million nurses in this state – by phone, mail, text, and in person.

Please respond by August 20th to this question with a response we will share publicly:

If elected, will you vote for laws to establish safe patient limits for hospitals and long-term care (HB1500 & SB214)? (See the attached summary for more information).

We also encourage you to share your answer publicly yourself (on Facebook, in a press release, etc) so nurses can directly see where you stand on this vital issue.

Please respond to candidateresponses@nursesofpa.org.

Yours sincerely,

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