

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB905: Safe Staffing Act of 2025

Dear Honorable Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is John Spillane and I live in Prince George's County. I'm asking for your support for safe staffing in Maryland's Emergency Rooms and Emergency Departments.

Why do we need HB905: The Safe Staffing Act of 2025? We have a huge problem with Emergency Room wait times in Maryland. This is a problem that I have personally experienced, at Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center in Lanham. According to Hospital Stats ([hospitalstats.org](https://www.hospitalstats.org)) this facility has an average wait time of 4 hours and 55 minutes. In March of 2024 I was there for more than eight hours.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services records that Maryland has had the worst emergency room wait times among 50 states for the past eight years. The average ER wait time for emergency care in Maryland? Over four hours. Many patients may wait as long as 24 hours to receive care. This problem is driven by staffing shortages. There is an acute need for more staff that will provide more capacity to run ERs and reduce wait times.

So I ask you to commit to supporting HB905: Safe Staffing Act of 2025. Thank you for your consideration.

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