

3156 Gracefield Rd
Apt 505
Silver Spring, MD 20904
February 19, 2025

Maryland General Assembly
House Health and Government Operations Committee
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate

I support HB905, Safe Staffing Act of 2025.

The Safe Staffing Bill will establish **safe staffing committees** at each hospital that will help to address the chronic short-staffing of hospital Emergency Rooms (ERs) and other critical departments. The shortage of appropriate staff impacts the health of all residents. This is especially true in emergency room where the average wait times are often four hours and as long as ten hours. Maryland has the longest wait times of any state in the county. There are two major reasons for the long wait times in ER: unavailability of staff and unavailability of beds in the main hospital. This bill addresses one of those two problems.

Thanks for considering my position.

Sincerely

Daniel Wilhelm