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Dear Mr. Latta,

My name is Hailey Giles, I am a nursing student who will graduate in May of 2023 from Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing in Sandusky, Ohio. My time spent at the school and in the hospital has made me become very passionate about being a nurse, as well as growing my interest in safety for the individuals we care for. A recent bill that has been introduced in the house of representatives is H.R.286- Health Care Providers Safety Act of 2023. The goal of this bill is to amend the public health service act to authorize grants to healthcare providers to enhance the physical and cyber safety of their facilities, personnel, and patients.

As most people already know, Covid-19 has caused shortages everywhere. One of the biggest places that reflect this would be the hospital. With healthcare workers everywhere being understaffed, and no longer receiving the extra money that came during the hardest times of covid, hospitals may be under more of a financial pressure as we continue to care for Covid patients, without the funding. Without any room in the budget, it becomes difficult to improve patient safety in the hospital, when now is the time, we need it most. We now would benefit from more technological monitoring such as cameras for patients' rooms to substitute one on ones when we could use aids elsewhere. Another thing to Improve safety would be upgrading patient security including the electronic medical record and new computer systems to avoid computer complications, which I have experienced myself on several occasions while at the hospital. This can be very frustrating when you have charting to be done but can't access it.

Most hospitals are in highly populated areas with crime. As a young woman it can be very intimidating to walk through the parking lot of the hospital late at night or early in the morning when its dark. This money could potentially go towards cameras, better lighting, and possibly blue light emergency phone and call boxes. By adding these features not only would the staff benefit from it but also visitors as well as patients. Hospitals are supposed to be a safe place for healing, all aspects of the hospital should reflect that.

By allowing hospitals to have a budget for safety we would be able to improve on some of the things I have mentioned above. As someone who is about to enter the medical field as an RN, it is my responsibility to make sure the patients can receive the best care possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Hailey Giles