

**AMSN 2024**  
**Unit 8: Z- Chap. 17 (1H total)**  
**Online Assignment: LEGISLATOR WORKSHEET**

**Instructions:**

- Complete this form using Ohio and U.S. Links Provided
  - o You are to look up information based on your zip code (zip code must include all 9 numbers – including the +4 number)
- Complete the assignment at the end of the document

**Your name: Allison Martin**

**Your complete address: 3761 Peru West Section Line Road  
Monroeville, OH 44847**

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/>

**Ohio House of Representatives**

Name of your Ohio Representative: D.J. Swearingen

Party affiliation: Republican                      District number: 89

Hometown: Huron

Expiration date of current term: December 31, 2024

Eligible for another term? Yes

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be *complete* and *accurate*:  
House Finance Committee and Joint Legislative Ethics Committee.

**Ohio Senate**

Name of your Ohio State Senator: Theresa Gavarone

Party affiliation: Republican                      District number: 2

Hometown: Dayton

Expiration date of current term: December 31, 2024

Eligible for another term? Yes

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be complete and accurate:  
Senate Finance Committee, General Government Committee, Judiciary Committee,  
Local Government Committee, Senate Rules and Reference Committee, and Legislative  
Service Commission Committee.

**U.S. Senate**

[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)

**United States Senators representing Ohio:**

- A. Name of Senator(s), including *Party, years of service, and year of term end*  
(Click on *Biographical Directory Listing*)
1. Sherrod Brown – Democrat – 18 years of service, term ends in 2025
  2. J.D. Vance – Republican – 1.5 years of service, term ends in 2029

**U.S. House of Representatives**

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

**Name of Congressional representative: Bob E. Latta**

Party affiliation: Republican

District number: 5

**Assignment:**

- You are to write a letter to one of the legislators above regarding a current healthcare issue or bill.
- Complete this worksheet and letter, and place both in the Z-Chapter 17 dropbox by 4/5/2024 at 0800.
- **You are expected to mail a copy of your letter to the legislator.**

April 3, 2024

The Honorable J.D. Vance  
U.S. Senator for Ohio

Dear U.S. Senator,

My name is Allison Martin, and I am currently a senior at Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing in Sandusky, Ohio. I will graduate in May of 2024, and I can confidently say that this Nursing Program has prepared me with great knowledge to begin my career as a Registered Nurse. In class, we are learning about the importance of nurses getting involved in their community and the steps to take action when seeking help relating to a major healthcare issue.

A topic I am very passionate about as a new graduate nurse is a facility's staffing and nurse-to-patient ratios. When asking any healthcare facility, one of the major complaints is staffing issues and the rise in the nursing shortage. These ratios in health care differ between facilities and are not regulated throughout the state. Depending on the ratio it can either attract or deter healthcare workers to a facility. Ratios that give nurses high-patient loads can increase a nurse's level of burnout and make them less passionate about their occupation. Burnout in nurses leads to less effective patient care and a lack of compassion. Overall, this leads to an increase in the nursing shortage giving facilities no choice but to increase the patient load and develops a never-ending cycle. To fix this issue in healthcare facilities, I think it would be a great idea to somehow regulate this ratio throughout the state to ensure nurses and patients are satisfied with the care given and received. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

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