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The Honorable D.J Swearingen
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Ohio House of Representatives
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Dear Member of Congress,

My name is Kylee Cheek and I currently attend the Firelands Regional Medical School of Nursing out of Sandusky, Ohio. This is one of the only eleven diploma schools that are in Ohio, and we are affiliated with the Firelands Regional Medical Center. I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my concern about the increasing incidents of violence against healthcare workers across our nation. This is an issue that has been affecting the safety, well-being, and the well-being of those who are committed to caring for patients.

Healthcare professionals are essential to our health system. Unfortunately, many of these individuals are subjected to violence, including physical assaults, verbal abuse, and threats, while performing their everyday duties. It is alarming that these acts are becoming more frequent, and I believe we must take action to protect our healthcare members.

One important step in addressing this issue are the federal laws that impose harsher penalties for those who engage in violent behavior toward healthcare workers. This would send a strong message that such actions will not be tolerated and that those who harm healthcare professionals will face serious consequences.

Healthcare facilities should be required to enhance security measures. This could include installing better surveillance cameras, improving lighting, and employing security personnel. Such measures would ensure the safety of both healthcare workers and patients, helping to create a safer working environment.

Additionally, raising awareness about the importance of respecting healthcare workers is crucial. Public campaigns can help people understand the harm violence causes to both workers and the healthcare system.

It is crucial that we protect those who care for others' health by making sure they have a safe place to work. I urge you to consider these suggestions as you work on policies aimed at improving the safety and security of healthcare workers.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your leadership in addressing this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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