

April 1, 2025

The Honorable Jon Husted
United States Senator for Ohio

The Honorable Bernie Moreno
United States Senator for Ohio

Theresa Gavarone
Ohio Senator for District 2

Dear members of Congress:

My name is Savannah Willis and I'm currently a senior nursing student at Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing in Sandusky, Ohio. This school is a hospital based diploma program that provides schooling to become a registered nurse in Ohio. The school was established in 1905 and has a remarkable reputation in nursing education.

Upon research of the recent passing of House Bill 452 (HB452) that address the crisis of workplace violence, future outcomes and possible changes were noted. HB452 provides new safeguards, policies, and protection for nurses experiencing workplace violence. The goal of this bill was to advocate for nurses to create a better and safer workplace. This bill is promising in helping the nurses of Ohio feel a better support system, especially with younger nurses or newer nurses who are at a higher risk of getting bullied. HB452. However, the reason for unsafe or unmanageable nursing stations has yet to be determined and should be considered for more research or a revision of HB482.

I am writing you to encourage an amendment of House Bill 482 to include the identified causes of unsafe nursing environments that need to be addressed and dissolved. Addressing problems directly and professionally prevents the need on unnecessary or frequent reporting to HR. Identifying the cause of the unsafe environments that lead to workplace violence seem to be placed as a lower priority due to the time consuming nature of research, however research creates a more reliable foundation for the teaching methods related to preventing unsafe environments related to workplace violence. The amendment would include evidence base practice ways to resolve issues regarding staff safety.

Where to begin research depends on funding and suggested or relevant topics. Topics related to unsafe environments in the nursing field include, but are not limited to staffing ratios, mandatory overtime, patient violence, lack of pain management, and inappropriate scheduling.

Funding and encouraging research of the issues listed prior would help identify the cause of unsafe environmental and intern help decrease workplace violence. Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

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AMSN 2025
Unit 8: Z- Chap. 17 (1H total)
Online Assignment: LEGISLATOR WORKSHEET

Instructions:

- Complete this form using Ohio and U.S. Links Provided
 - 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: Savannah Willis
Your complete address: 2816 Hinde Avenue, Sandusky OH, 44870-5924

<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, 2026

Eligible for another term? Yes

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be complete and accurate:

- Arts, Athletics, and Tourism
- Judiciary
- Community Revitalization
- Public Insurance and Pensions

Ohio Senate

Name of your Ohio State Senator: Theresa Gavarone

Party affiliation: Republican

District number: 2

Hometown: Bowling Green

Expiration date of current term: December 31, 2028

Eligible for another term? No

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be complete and accurate:

- General Government
- Public Utilities
- Judiciary
- Rules and References
- Local Government
- Small business and Economic Opportunity

U.S. Senate

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. Jon Husted-Republican, 2015 is first year of service, his term ends 1/3/31.
2. Bernie Moreno-Republican, 2025 is first service year, his term ends 1/3/31.

U.S. House of Representatives

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

Name of Congressional representative: Marcy Kaptur

Party affiliation: Democrat

District number: 9

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 4/4/2025 at 0800.
- You are expected to mail a copy of your letter to the legislator.