

**AMSN 2025**  
**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: Anthony Drivas**

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

**Ohio House of Representatives**

Name of your Ohio Representative: Kellie Deeter

Party affiliation: Republican

District number: 54

Hometown: Norwalk

Expiration date of current term: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Eligible for another term? Yes

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be *complete* and *accurate*:  
-Arts, Athletics, Tourism, Children and Human services, Health and Insurance

**Ohio Senate**

Name of your Ohio State Senator: Nathan H. Manning

Party affiliation: Republican

District number: 13

Hometown: Lorain

Expiration date of current term: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Eligible for another term? Yes

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be complete and accurate:  
-Judiciary, Chair, Finance, Addiction and Community revitalization, Financial institutions, Insurance and Technology

## 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. Bernie Moreno – Republican, 3 months and ends 2031
  2. Jon Husted – Republican, 3 months and end 2027

## U.S. House of Representatives

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

Name of Congressional representative: Robert E. Latta

Party affiliation: Republican

District number: 5<sup>th</sup>

### 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.**

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

The Honorable Kellie Deeter  
U.S. House of Representative for Ohio

Dear Member of Congress

My name is Anthony Drivas, and I am a nursing student at Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing in Sandusky Ohio. I am writing to you today regarding issues with hospitals and nurse to patient ratio. A majority of hospitals nurse to patient ratio is 5:1 which this is the ratio at Firelands Regional Medical Center. I believe this is a safe ratio to ensure patient safety, allow for adequate time to be spent with each patient to ensure all needs are being met, decreases risk of potential variants such as falls and medications errors and lower nurse burnout.

Adequate nurse staffing is crucial in ensuring safe and effective patient care. Research consistently shows that higher nurse-to-patient ratios are linked to increased levels of patient morbidity and mortality, as well as decreased patient satisfaction. When nurses are assigned too many patients, it not only compromises the quality of care but also places an immense burden on healthcare professionals, leading to burnout and job dissatisfaction. Inadequate staffing can result in delayed response times, medication errors, and a higher incidence of hospital-acquired infections. This not only puts patient safety risk but can also lead to longer hospital stays and increased healthcare costs. Furthermore, the emotional and physical toll on nurses can exacerbate staffing shortages, creating a cycle that undermines the integrity of our healthcare system.

I hope you consider supporting legislation that will help address nurse staffing ratios such as the Nurse Staffing Standards for Patient Safety and Quality Care Act of 2023. I believe it would be important to look at facilities similar in capabilities of care and compare their nurse staffing ratio and assess for differences in mortality rate, incidence reports, medication errors and nurses stating burnout with job dissatisfaction. I believe facilities operating at a high ratio will have a high percentage in these aspects compared to a facility with a lower ratio. I am mainly focusing on this point to try and promote patient safety and potentially decrease risk in areas that can put patients at risk.

I thank you for your attention to this issue I believe is very important. I appreciate your dedication and determination to improving healthcare for the community. I greatly look forward to your support in advocating and pushing for safer nursing ratios.

Sincerely,

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