

TO: MY STATE SENATOR AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE
RE: BAN ON MANDATORY OVERTIME FOR NURSES

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Please support a ban on mandatory overtime for nurses in Pennsylvania. I urge you to become a co-sponsor of bills banning mandatory overtime for nurses and health professionals that is currently being promoted by Sen. Tina Tartaglione and Rep. Dan Surra.

These measures would prohibit hospitals and health care facilities from requiring nurses and other direct care workers to work more than our scheduled hours unless there is an emergency. They would ban the practice of "mandatory overtime" which is tearing up our personal lives and driving many qualified nurses out of our profession. Why? Because when we go to work, we don't know if we'll be on the job eight hours or 16 hours, with no way to pick up our kids at school or take care of other critical personal needs. And our patients don't know if they'll be getting the attention of a well-rested professional, or a nurse who has been 16 hours on the job.

Respectfully, Kathleen M Stroup, RN



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Fold this form in with your completed questionnaire, follow the instructions and mail it back today. We'll hand deliver your message to your state Senator and State Representative (the name and address is for their records).

MESSAGE FOR STATE SENATOR
AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE
**ON MANDATORY
OVERTIME FOR NURSES**

Dear Representative

Trasaglio

Mandatory overtime is bad for health care workers and worse for patients. Health care workers are being forced to work beyond the end of their shift at an alarming rate — sometimes up to sixteen hours. Quality health care is in jeopardy.

Pennsylvania needs legislation to ban mandatory overtime for health care workers. Please support legislation to protect patients and health care workers.

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Trasaglio

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June 6, 2001

«FirstName» «LastName»
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Dear «FirstName»:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your support for legislation that would ban mandatory overtime for healthcare workers. As your state representative, I am dedicated to always helping the good citizens of our district.

I share your concerns that forcing healthcare workers to work beyond their shift compromises the delivery of safe healthcare to patients. I also agree that it is time healthcare administrators recognize the potentially disastrous effects of this practice. I believe it is a travesty that truck drivers, pilots, and flight attendants are limited on the amount of hours they can work, yet healthcare workers, who often must make life-and-death decisions, are not.

As you may know, Representative Surra introduced House Bill 1253, which would restrict the amount of overtime an employer may require an employee to work. This bill is currently being studied by the House Labor Relations Committee where it awaits approval. Although I am not a member of that legislative panel, please know if, and when, this legislation reaches the full House of Representatives for a vote, I will keep your concerns in mind.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to convey to me your stance on this issue. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely yours,

GUY A. TRAVAGLIO, JR.
 STATE REPRESENTATIVE
 11th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Guy Travaglio
United States House of Representatives
P.O. Box 202020
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Dear Representative Travaglio,

Recently, the Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals (PASNAP) conducted a survey of Commonwealth Registered Nurses. The results are indeed unsettling, if not alarming. Enclosed is a copy of the report. In addition, survey respondents were given an opportunity to send their representatives a message regarding mandatory overtime in their health care facilities. Enclosed are such messages for nurses in your district.

If you are already a supporter of the ban on mandatory overtime, we thank you for your support of this important measure. If you are not, we urge you to support and co-sponsor the legislation being promoted by Representative Surra and Senator Tartaglione.

Sincerely,



 William Cruice, Director
PASNAP