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Ms. Shelly Hughes
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, to testify at the hearing entitled “Supporting Access to Long-Term Services and Supports: An Examination of the Impacts of Proposed Regulations on Workforce and Access to Care.”

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions and requests with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Your responses should be mailed to Jolie Brochin, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Jolie.Brochin@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Brett Guthrie
Chair
Subcommittee on Health

cc: Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

The Honorable Debbie Dingell

Some in opposition to the CMS proposed nurse staffing standard say it's unnecessary since CMS already requires nursing facilities to have, quote "sufficient nursing staff with the appropriate competencies and skill sets to provide nursing and related services to assure resident safety." Further, CMS states quote, "the facility must provide sufficient numbers of each of the following types of personnel on a 24-hour basis".

1. Ms. Hughes, do you believe this current requirement is working or even being enforced appropriately?