

**House Judiciary Committee**  
**Rep. Lawrence Klemin, Chair**

**Jan. 28, 2025**

**HB 1341**

Chairman Klemin and Committee Members,

My name is Katie Judah and I am asking you to vote **yes on HB 1341**. I have been an LPN for 18 years and am currently working as a walk-in clinic nurse.

I am in strong support of House Bill 1341, the Healthcare Worker Assault Bill. This bill would provide critical legal protection for healthcare workers in hospital settings. However, as currently written, it does not appear to extend those protections to healthcare workers in facilities outside of hospitals.

For over 10 years, I have worked in urgent care and walk-in clinic settings, where I have both personally experienced and witnessed threats of violence against healthcare workers. On more than one occasion, I have encountered patients who became angry and aggressive when they were unable to receive the care or treatment they expected. My colleagues and I have faced verbal threats, physical intimidation, and, on several occasions, have needed to call security for assistance when patient frustrations escalated. There have also been instances when we requested security escorts to our vehicles after shifts because patients or family members were waiting for us in the parking lot.

I support HB 1341 because it will ensure that assault against a hospital worker will be charged as a Class C Felony. This sends a strong message that violence against healthcare workers in a hospital will not be tolerated. However, I believe that healthcare workers in urgent care centers, walk-in clinics, and other ambulatory clinics and care facilities should be afforded these same legal protections- as we, too, face the risk of violence in the healthcare workplace.

Thank you, Chairman Klemin and members of the committee, for your time, consideration, and service.  
**Please vote yes on HB 1341.**

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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