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## **JNESO URGES LEGISLATORS SUPPORT THE HOSPITAL NURSING STAFF REPORT CARD ACT**

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**HARRISBURG** – On Tuesday, May 9th, JNESO District Council 1 representatives joined nurses, legislators and other health care unions to urge the legislature to pass The Hospital Nursing Staff Report Card Act (House Bill 833 & Senate Bill 336). HB-833/SB-336 would create a public reporting system for nurse staffing in hospitals and other acute care facilities aimed at improving patient safety and giving patients and their families the information they need to make important choices when it comes to potentially life-saving medical care. JNESO District Council 1 represents over 700 registered nurses at health care facilities in Pennsylvania.

"Each year we celebrate Nurses' Week to thank those on the frontlines of delivering healthcare for their daily sacrifices in the name of patient safety and quality healthcare." said Doug Placa, JNESO District Council 1 Executive Director, "We've long been engaged in a legislative battle to enact safe staffing ratios. There is compelling statistical evidence that increasing nurse staffing improves patient safety, reduces costs to hospitals and results in decreased malpractice claims."

Under the AHCA that was voted through the US House of Representatives last week, Pennsylvania hospitals could experience a reduction in available Medicaid funding as well as a surge in the treatment of uninsured patients which could potentially strain staffing levels even further and undermine hospitals' economic stability.

*JNESO District Council 1 is a professional healthcare union representing over 5,000 healthcare professionals in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and is an affiliate of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE). Learn more at: [www.jneso.org](http://www.jneso.org).*

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