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***Hundreds Lobby for New Healthcare Legislation
Community Calls On Leaders to Focus on Quality Care***

MADISON: As part of National Nurses Day, more than 300 healthcare professionals are heading to the State Capitol on May 7 as part of a newly launched campaign to improve quality care for patients in nursing homes, hospitals, and other healthcare facilities all across the state. Carrying signed scrubs from hundreds of other healthcare professionals unable to attend, these workers will lobby their legislators on how to improve quality of care for Wisconsin residents.

At noon, Rep. Jon Richards and Sen. Jon Erpenbach will introduce new legislation to address the growing concern of providing safe and accessible quality care.

Throughout the day, hundreds of healthcare workers from AFSCME Council 24, SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Federation of Nurses & Health Professionals will talk to their legislators about the following issues: banning mandatory overtime practices, maintaining collective bargaining rights for UW Hospital employees, preventing workplace violence, instituting safe staffing ratios, and ensuring safe patient handling.

WHAT: Hundreds Lobby for New Healthcare Legislation

WHEN: Noon, Tuesday, May 7

WHERE: Wisconsin State Capitol, North Hearing Room

WHO: Speakers include Sen. Jon Erpenbach, Rep. Jon Richards, Candice Owley (Wisconsin Federation of Nurses & Health Professionals) and Dian Palmer (SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin).

Great visuals of hundreds of nurses and healthcare providers with signed scrubs, member healthcare providers also available for individual interviews.

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