NURSE LIVES MATTER!

STOP THE VIOLENCE AGAINST NURSES!

Nurses throughout the District of Columbia are attacked daily by patients in the hospitals, schools and many health care facilities. Nurses are consistently assaulted, beaten, choked, sexually assaulted, bitten, verbally dehumanized and face many other life-threatening situations with no protection.

Nurses should not have to go to work every day fearing that they might be injured.

Nurses are the first line of care for patients. Nurses have more access to the patients than any other healthcare workers and often are the first to be attacked by a violent patient. Violence claims a significant toll on the Nurses. In addition to the physical, emotional and mental effects on the victim, other negative effects include: financial loss resulting from insurance claims, lost productivity, legal expenses, property damage and possible staff replacement costs. Many nurses are leaving the profession to avoid the abuse.

Please Sign this petition to the DC Council to demand that they enact laws that will protect nurses from violence while saving lives.