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Senator Jon Tester

**Washington, DC Office**

311 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510-2604

Dear Senator Tester:

As you know, the Montana Nurses Association (MNA) is the recognized leader and advocate for the professional nurse in Montana. MNA promotes professional nursing practice, standards, and education; represents professional nurses; and provides nursing leadership in promoting high quality healthcare.

Since 2015, MNA has attempted to address violence in the workplace through legislation in the Montana legislature but has met resistance. **It now appears that the safety and protection of health care workers is important not only in Montana but across the US!** MNA is pleased that H.R. 1195 Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act has moved out from the United States House of Representatives and has been referred to the Senate Health and Education Labor and Pensions Committee. H.R.1195 does not have Senate sponsors. MNA asks that you consider signing on as a Senate sponsor to H.R.1195 to show your support to protect and promote the safety of Montana nurses, healthcare and social service workers.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting Montana healthcare and social service workers by signing on to H.R.1195 as a Senate sponsor. MNA looks forward to hearing from you soon.

Please let me know if you have questions, as MNA is the trusted voice for Montana nurses.

Sincerely,

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