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Hello, my name is Brayonna Walsh

I currently graduated from the Practical Nursing Program of Lackawanna county, December 6th 2024.

I'm reaching out to write to you why adding new requirements for LPN classes will have a huge impact on society and nurses eager to obtain licensure and provide excellent care.

During my highschool years, I almost dropped out. I did not have a great home life with my two parents being drug addicts. I had to walk to school and could not pay attention in classes. Thankfully, two of my highschool teachers being a significant role model in my youth knew I was going to be more than following the statistic of a drug household.

I barely passed highschool but I did. With my background I would have never ever been able to apply to nursing school and make CTCLC my stepping stone to take care of myself and my passion of helping juveniles / Adult inmates also going through the same home life. I've worked at Mid Atlantic youth services and now I'm currently employed with the state as a correctional nurse for waymart.

If, these new requirements for entry are put into place, we will miss out on so many passionate students who couldn't obtain those specific classes, we will have a shortage of LPNs and possibly RN's as some of my classmates are enrolled now through bridge programs (LPN TO RN). This program, has saved a lot of lives and has given hope to everyone's future. Please do not make it more difficult to obtain

## Brayonna Walsh LPN

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