



Minnesota Nurses Association

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As the leaders of the Minnesota Nurses Association, we want to offer you our support in your strike against Temple. We see the attacks on you and your ability to protect your patients and their quality of care as the issue we all need to be ready to fight for. Their efforts to shift the costs on insurance and reduce your benefits to meet the levels of non-union workers are similar to what our employers are attempting to do. We must all resist these efforts to race to the bottom. More importantly, the Hospital's attempt to "gag" you as health care professionals should not, and cannot, be tolerated. This is an issue beyond the labor agreement and reaches to the heart of why we do the work we do.

Please let us know what we can do to help and support you. The Minnesota Nurses Association, as part of National Nurses United, stands willing and ready to assist you in any way we can.

Stay strong and know that others are with you in this fight.

In solidarity,

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