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Dear Mr. Notebaert:

While I have signed on with my fellow members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly in expressing their concern that a fair and reasonable agreement with your registered nurse and allied health professionals be reached, I am writing to urge you to continue working in good faith towards an equitable resolution.

Not only does Temple University play an integral role in delivering quality higher education in the Commonwealth, but Temple University Hospital and Health System also serves as a vital health care resource in a low income community with great need and limited support. As you are aware, Temple University Hospital's Episcopal Campus provides up to 85% in uncompensated care to neighborhood residents. Lacking access to traditional primary care institutions and practitioners, many of these residents must rely solely on your services to receive the care they desperately need.

Since we are both dedicated servants to this community, I have no doubt that you recognize the threat this labor dispute poses to the community's well-being. As a last resort, I ask that you consider pulling out every last stop possible in order to reach an agreement before tomorrow's deadline. My expectation is that you and the Union will reach this agreement in time and with the best intentions in mind.

Sincerely,

*Christine M. Tartaglione*

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