Minnesota Nurses Association
An Affiliate of National Nurses United

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Penny Wheeler, CEO, Allina Health
Allina Health Board of Directors

Professional Distinction

Personal Dignity

Patient Advocacy

Dear Ms. Wheeler and Members of the Allina Health Board of Directors,

As elected officials from various districts served by Allina Health hospitals, we are urging Allina to reach a compromise with nurses represented by the Minnesota Nurses Association.

It is in the community's best interests to settle this dispute and ensure that nurses are there to continue to deliver the quality care that Minnesotans deserve and expect. 24/7 nursing care is the reason patients go to the hospital instead of visiting an outpatient care facility. Nurses deliver the professional and compassionate care Allina hospitals are known for.

Nurses have compromised to get an agreement that benefits both nurses and Allina. Now Allina needs to move toward the middle and give nurses a guarantee that the company cannot change the nurses' benefits at will.

Allina receives millions of dollars from the state and federal government and benefits from many tax-breaks. Spending $20 million a week to save $10 million a year is not a good use of tax-payer money.

Sincerely,

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