

In Solidarity with Nurses

We are in solidarity with nurses across the Montefiore Health System in Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and Nyack Hospitals who are fighting for safe staffing with strong accountability for patient safety, respectful, competitive wages that help recruit and retain nurses, community investment, and a fair contract for nurses and patients.

At a time when non-profit hospital CEO pay is rapidly increasing, with seven-figure salaries and Wall Street-type bonuses, there is no excuse to reduce services at these hospitals or cut corners with nurse staffing, which puts patient safety at risk.

Montefiore must invest in these hospitals and ensure that our communities have the highest quality healthcare possible. We call on Montefiore to hear NYSNA's demand that our nurses and patients deserve better.

Nurses are raising important public health issues around safe staffing, equity and access that must be addressed. We urge the hospital administration to agree to nurses' demands that focus on safe staffing, fair pay and community health. This would show a real investment in our communities and create the kind of quality jobs we need.

We have strong concerns that Montefiore administration is not adhering to safe staffing ratios. NYSNA nurses have been speaking out against unsafe staffing at Montefiore for years, and yet hospital management is not responding with the urgency required to recruit and retain nurses.

Montefiore must commit to fair pay and improvements to health and educational benefits that honor nurses' service and quality care.

By agreeing to strong contracts, we can work to address the health and safety needs of our communities.

We urge you to agree with the nurses' just demands, negotiate and commit to fair contracts, and invest in the Lower Hudson Valley communities served by Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and Nyack Hospitals.

Sincerely,

Federal Elected Official

Honorable Jamaal Bowman

County Wide Official

Westchester County Executive George Latimer

State Elected Officials

New York State Senator Nathalia Fernandez

New York State Senator Shelley Mayer

New York State Assembly Member Chris Burdick
New York State Assembly Member Chris Eachus
New York State Assembly Member Dana Levenberg
New York State Assembly Member Steve Otis
New York State Assembly Member Amy Paulin
New York State Assembly Member Gary Pretlow
New York State Assembly Member Nader Sayegh
New York State Assembly Member Mary Jane Shimsky

Local Elected Officials

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Westchester County Legislator Jose Alvarado
Westchester County Legislator Benjamin Boykin II
Westchester County Legislator Terry Clements
Westchester County Legislator-elect Judah Holstein
Westchester County Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson
Westchester County Legislator James Nolan
Westchester County Legislator Erika Pierce
Westchester County Legislator David Tubiolo
Westchester County Legislator-elect Emilijana Ulaj
New Rochelle Mayor-elect Yadira Ramos-Herbert
New Rochelle City Council Member Martha Lopez-Hanratty
New Rochelle City Council Member-elect David Peters

Labor and Allies

Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation
Westchester-Putnam Central Labor Body
International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 456
Utility Workers Union of America Local 1-2
Hispanic Democrats of Westchester
Labor Religion Coalition of New York State
Make the Road New York
Metro New York Health Care for All
New York State Alliance for Retired Americans
Greater Centennial AME Zion Church (Mount Vernon)
New Rochelle Alliance for Justice
Save and Transform Mount Vernon Hospital Coalition
Kathie Brewington, President, Mount Vernon New York NAACP
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