## MAIN STREET CONTRACT | TELL US WHERE IT HURTS

Registered nurses—like many Americans—are seeing and feeling first hand the effects of the ongoing economic crisis plaguing our country.

## We want your voices to be heard. Tell us where it hurts.

Many RNs are sharing stories of how economic hardship affects our patients, our communities, and our families today. Foreclosures, lack of jobs, healthcare, housing and retirement insecurity are becoming a far too familiar reality.

## Here's the kind of stories we're hearing:



A Michigan nurse talked about how her husband's window installing business took a hit from the economy. They have two children, including a daughter with several medical problems. To survive and keep their home, the RN increased her hours of work, "There is no doubt that the economic hardship in our society has played a role in our families' lives."

A California nurse tells of a woman admitted to her hospital who wanted to thank the nurses for her care. "A former executive secretary for more than 30 years, she penned her comment card in a beautiful handwritten script. Later that shift, I realized that she was the same person I had seen on the boards two week ago but never met: a homeless woman. I went back to visit the patient and learn her story. After losing her job, she lost her healthcare, then lost her home and her family."

These reports will help promote our campaign to re-dedicate our national priorities and policies towards good jobs, guaranteed healthcare, quality education, a secure retirement, housing, and protection from hunger.

How has the economic crisis affected you, your patients, and community? Tell us where it hurts.

Please share your story with us at www.MainStreetContract.org or fill out the second page and mail to: 8630 Fenton Street Suite 1100 Silver Spring MD 20910



## STORIES FROM MAIN STREET | TELL US WHERE IT HURTS

Do you have a story to tell about how the economic crisis is hurting someone in your home, your hospital, or your community? As nurses, we will not only listen to your story, but we will document it so that your voice is heard. **Tell us your story:** 

First Name:	Last Name:		
Email:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone: (for follow-up questions)			
Occupation:			
Facility: (if you're an RN)			
How has the economic crisis affected you?			
Yes, I will tell my story in town halls or other public forums.			