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To the registered nurses of Allina Health,

I want to lend my strong voice of support, and offer my encouragement to the Minnesota Nurses Association and National Nurses United in your fight for proper staffing, nurse and patient safety, and health care access for yourselves and your families.

Throughout our lives, the people who are at our sides when we get sick are our nurses. We hold nurses in the highest regard, and the American people consistently rank nursing as a highly trusted profession. Your commitment to public health was evidenced by last week's blood drive that MNA nurses and the St. Paul Regional Labor Federation organized in the midst of the strike.

You and your colleagues around the country have a long history of standing up for safe staffing. As you advocate for a fair contract, we are reminded that your struggles are the same struggles the American people face. We must all continue to fight for full collective bargaining rights for workers, bolstering our health care workforce, and providing Medicare-for-all national health insurance coverage.

I commend you all on your principled stance and your sacrifice. I know you did not take this action lightly. Remember that your fight is the fight of all working people, and in it you can count on my continued solidarity.

Sincerely,



Bernard Sanders  
U.S. Senator