

January 20, 2021

To the nursing staff of Maine Medical Center:

As elected officials and community leaders, we stand in strong support of your efforts to unionize at Maine Medical Center. By speaking with a strong, collective voice, you will be able to address workplace issues and further improve patient care at Maine Medical Center. The people of Maine depend on Maine Medical Center for our health care, and the nursing staff are at the forefront of this critical service. You deserve a workplace environment where your important professional work is respected, and your voice is heard.

Furthermore, we want you know how grateful we are for your dedication and professionalism in responding to the influx of the novel coronavirus into our community.

It is true that this virus is forcing all of us to find new ways of living and working. But it is also true that this pandemic is illuminating how critical it is that nurses have a greater say in your work lives. You remain the ones on the front lines who we depend on for the care we need. Your voice is essential in how to best deliver that care.

As elected officials and community leaders, we serve a public that shares your concerns and desires the strongest and most effective health care possible. And, we also have families who receive your care. We support you joining a union to strengthen the voice and impact of your vital profession. If the nurses at Maine Med have an organized voice, we believe you will be able to elevate the concerns of the people of Maine who depend on your hospital, especially in these incredibly difficult times.

Nurses at Maine Med have faithfully cared for the people of Maine for many decades. We offer our gratitude for your daily sacrifices. We celebrate all that you do, and we stand with you as you move forward in this process to speak with an organized voice at Maine Medical Center.

Sincerely,

Maine State AFL-CIO
Maine Service Employees Association - SEIU
Local 1989
Professional Fire Fighters of Maine
International Alliance of Theatrical Stage
Employees Local 114
Maine American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
Council
Maine Educational Association
Machinists Local S6
Bureau of Labor Education at the University of
Maine

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
(IBEW) Local 2327
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
(IBEW) Local 1253
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
(IBEW) Local 1837
Laborers' International Union of North America
Local 327
International Union of Elevator Constructors
Local 4
Maine State Building and Construction Trades
Council

International Union of Operating Engineers
Local 4
Sheet Metal Workers Local 17
Machinists Local S-89
United Steelworkers Local 900, Rumford
Maine State Association of Letter Carriers
National Association of Letter Carriers Branch
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American Federation of Government Employees
(AFGE) Local 948
Southern Maine Labor Council
Central Maine Labor Council
Western Maine Labor Council
Southern Maine Workers' Center
March Forth Maine
Resources for Organizing and Social Change
Maine People's Alliance
NAACP MSP Branch
The First Parish Portland, Maine Unitarian
Universalist

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