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Mr. Prem Reddy, CEO
Prime Healthcare
3480 E. Guasti Road
Ontario, CA 91761

Dear Mr. Reddy,

I am writing to express my support for the healthcare employees at St. Francis Medical Center. St. Francis is the heart of the healthcare delivery system in the Lynwood and surrounding communities and serve residents of my district. My community values the care they receive at the hospital and I want to ensure that it continues. The dedicated healthcare workers at St. Francis are committed to providing quality healthcare and have remained with the hospital through the turmoil of multiple sales and years of uncertainty and job insecurity. These heroes, who are bravely caring for our community during the COVID 19 pandemic, continue to persevere. They are risking their own lives and often without the appropriate level of personal protection.

St. Francis has always been a profitable hospital, often supporting other struggling hospitals in the Verity/Daughters of Charity system. According to court filings, the hospital continued to have stable finances even throughout the recent bankruptcy process. Considering all these facts, there is no reason not to expect the hospital's strong patient base and reputation to continue to support its ongoing success in delivering quality healthcare services with new ownership.

Should Prime Healthcare finalize ownership of St. Francis, I urge you to respect the important role that the hospital plays in our community. Now more than ever, my community needs the services that this hospital provides. On behalf of my community who already have limited access to healthcare within my district, I cannot allow or accept reduction in care. I urge you to hire all of the current hospital staff and respect their dedication to our community by honoring prior labor contracts as well as maintaining current pay and benefits of staff. To do anything less would be a tremendous disservice to our healthcare heroes who have provided critical services to patients in the past and present – they continue to sacrifice their lives to serve our community during this public health crisis. We must stand beside and fight for these workers as they have already sacrificed so much for our community.

Sincerely,

Cristina Garcia
Assemblymember, AD 58

cc. SEIU-UHW- Dave Regan, President
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