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Mr. Prem Reddy  
Chief Executive Office  
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 (SMFC). These workers, some of whom are my constituents, are bravely caring for our community during the COVID 19 pandemic, often risking their own lives. Our community values the great care they receive at the hospital and I want to ensure that it continues.

SFMC is currently operating under the Attorney General's conditions established during the 2015 purchase of the hospital and under the current collective bargaining agreements negotiated with the unions representing the SFMC workforce. According to court filings, SFMC has maintained stable finances, often supporting other struggling hospitals in the Verity/Daughters of Charity system, even during the recent Verity bankruptcy process. I believe its strong patient base and excellent reputation of quality care will continue thanks in no small part to the workers and staff at the hospital.

Should Prime Healthcare finalize ownership of St. Francis, I urge you to respect the important role that the hospital plays in our community. It is critical for our community to maintain the same quality of care under new ownership and that the existing workforce and services are not reduced, especially during the current pandemic. These workers are bravely caring for our community, risking their own lives often without the appropriate level of personal protective equipment.

I respectfully request that Prime Health honors the Attorney General's existing conditions and current collective bargaining agreements.

Sincerely,

Alan Lowenthal  
Member of Congress