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As Registered Nurses and patient advocates, we are writing this letter to express our strong disappointment in Tenet for its on-going, reckless actions in refusing to reinstate St. Vincent Hospital nurses and end the strike. Tenet's actions show a blatant disregard for St. Vincent patients, amidst the worst pandemic in 100 years, and for the Worcester, MA community as a whole.

CNA/NNOC Tenet nurses in California, Arizona and Texas strongly condemn Tenet's continued disregard for the community and patients' health during this pandemic by failing to return striking St. Vincent nurses to work and ending the seven-month long strike. As fellow Tenet nurses, we have seen how Tenet leadership put profits over patients at our own hospital and we see they are making the same choice at St. Vincent. Their actions are now putting the community of Worcester at dire risk with the closing of beds and failing to reinstate striking nurses.

Tenet and St. Vincent's actions of closing beds has caused the City of Worcester's two other hospitals to be at or near ICU bed capacity during this COVID-19 Delta variant surge. This is an egregious affront to the community and dedicated nurses. Tenet and St. Vincent must provide a fair back to work agreement so that additional ICU beds can immediately be staffed with experienced striking nurses.

CNA/NNOC Tenet nurses are demanding these nurses be reinstated to their positions immediately to ensure enough ICU beds are available as we may see another COVID surge and as we enter flu season. We are also calling on local elected officials in Massachusetts to demand Tenet and St. Vincent settle this strike and provide a fair back to work agreement that returns nurses to the positions they held prior to the strike.

Sincerely,

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