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Dr. Saum Sutaria, M.D.
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Via Email: corporatesecretary@tenethealth.com

Dear Dr. Sutaria:

As leaders of our respective unions, we stand in strong support of the Massachusetts Nurses Association whose members have been striking for safe patient care at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts for more than six months.

Nurses are the backbone of any hospital and St. Vincent is no different. The greater Worcester community depends on the strong advocacy, skill and expertise of the frontline nurses for safe patient care. St. Vincent's nurses are using their collective voice to address the extreme dangers of understaffing in the hospital. Given we are still in the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucially important that you do not continue to undercut patient care standards. Safe staffing saves lives.

We urge Tenet to return to the bargaining table immediately to reach a fair and just contract with the MNA nurses at St. Vincent Hospital, including resolution of the unfair labor practice charges pending against the company. The community needs all of the nurses to be able to go back to work under a union contract, so they can provide the highest quality of care to the Worcester community.

Sincerely,

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