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Dear

As the union representing the dedicated Radiology Technicians, Mammography Technicians, MRI Technicians, Nuclear Medicine Technicians, Cardiovascular Technicians, Echo Technicians, Vascular Technicians, Cardiac Arrhythmia Technicians, Cardiographer, Ultrasound Technicians, Special Procedures/CAT Scan Technicians, OB Scrub Technicians, Cardiac Surgical Technicians, Surgical Technicians, Pharmacy Technicians I, Pharmacy Technicians II, Pharmacy Technicians III, Respiratory Technicians, Neuro Diagnostic Technicians, Polysomnographic Technicians, SPD Technicians, SPD Materials Technicians, and Case Cart Technicians, as well as certain Per-Diem employees and Lead Technicians working at St. Vincent Hospital, we are deeply concerned about the quality and safety of patient care our members are able to deliver given the conditions created by Tenet management in response to the ongoing nurses strike and for the impact this situation is having on the greater Worcester community as we all struggle to respond to the resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Delta Variant. While our members have worked tirelessly and heroically throughout the strike to provide the best care possible, we have heard numerous concerns from our members about conditions inside the hospital that are chaotic and dangerous for patients, and themselves. We are also concerned the situation has become more dire since Carolyn Jackson made the decision to close beds and curtail desperately needed services for our community. Our members want an end to this strike, which ensures that the striking nurses can return to their original positions so they can resume working with them to restore the quality and safety of patient care at St. Vincent Hospital. We know the striking nurses are ready and willing to return to the hospital pending a fair back to work agreement that provides them with the positions they held prior to the strike. This request is the standard practice for ending any

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strike and we support the nurses' position. We are very concerned about the leadership of St. Vincent Hospital and Tenet's behavior throughout this strike, and we call upon our elected officials and all entities involved in the provision of health care in Massachusetts to do whatever they can to compel Tenet to settle this strike, and if that doesn't happen, to hold Carolyn Jackson and Tenet accountable for the damage they are doing to this facility, and to the communities we serve.

Respectfully,

Shannon R. George
Secretary-Treasurer/Principal Executive Officer
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