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To Our Sisters and Brothers at Watsonville Community Hospital,

We, as a union of nearly 40,000 registered nurses, stand with you in your struggle to achieve a fair contract, protect your patients and to strike your employer!

We appreciate that the decision to strike is not an easy one. But when RNs are faced with chronic short-staffing, retaliation for speaking out about unsafe conditions and for patient protections, and in the face of repeated refusals to accept or address RNs' written documentation of unsafe assignments, there is little choice.

Tennessee-based Quorum Health Corporation's utter disregard for professional RN standards is an assault on all nurses.

Your demands for quality care for patients support our professional standards and the communities we serve.

As nurses in public and private hospitals across New York State, we have waged battles on these same issues and support your committed action to protect the profession and quality patient care.

We share in your outrage over an employer's indifference to achieving a fair contract. NYSNA is prepared to support you in any way you deem necessary.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Anne Bové, RN". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Anne Bové, RN
Secretary, NYSNA

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