

January 30, 2012

Christopher M. Shelton
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Dear Mr. Shelton:

On behalf of the 37,000 members of the New York State Nurses Association, I am writing to congratulate you and your newest members on their stunning victory to win representation at Cablevision.

The CWA model of strong workplace organizing in the face of employer pressure, building community support and bringing in allies from the political community all lead to one of the most impressive labor organizing victories in New York in many years.

Our members have just gained contracts at several major area hospitals but still face tough challenges.

Our members at Flushing Hospital in Queens are fighting for a good contract and are on the verge of a strike, and our 8,800 members at the Health and Hospitals Corporation and several NYC agencies are standing up to the Mayor, who is denying them, their patients and their families safe staffing levels and decent wages and benefits. We all draw strength from your victories.

We will reach out to you soon to ask you for your support of our members in these crisis situations.

Please accept our thanks for your inspirational campaign. Let us know how we can help CWA in other organizing efforts. As the old labor song says, "Every victory is going to bring another..."

In Unity,



Nancy Kaleda
Interim Program Director
Economic & General Welfare Program

cc: Julie Pinkham, Interim Executive Director