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Dear Hospital Presidents,

The nurses who live and work in our communities have worked tirelessly for years providing vital health services for our communities and are fighting for:

SAFE STAFFING RATIOS to guarantee quality care for all patients. We need enough nurses to do the job with minimum nurse and caregiver-to-patient ratios.

COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY in the form of a "community outreach committee." Hospital management to make available appropriate facilities to meet and interact with community stakeholders and their representatives. Included would be the following: with notice, committee members will be permitted to chaperone stakeholders on tours of hospital facilities.

SAFE & HEALTHY HOSPITALS that assure that hospitals are places for healing and do not put patients at risk of exposures to environmental harm. Patients and families should feel secure in our hospitals. We are calling for an end to hallway patients!

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We believe safe staffing is a matter of life and death. Without minimum nurse-to-patient ratios patient care is often sacrificed. Enough is enough!

We call on hospital CEO's to do the right thing by Nurses and patients. Negotiate a fair contract with safe staffing ratios and end the use of hallways as a way to treat patients.

Our organization supports the registered nurses of NYSNA and will support them in their fight for Safe Staffing, Community Accountability and Safe & Healthy Hospitals. The health of our families and communities cannot wait.

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Smith

President