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**Washington, DC 20515**

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Mr. Rittenmeyer and Dr. Sutaria:

We are writing to express our concern related to the delay in COBRA benefits to the professional nurses at St. Vincent Hospital (St. Vincent's) who are on an authorized work stoppage as contract negotiations continue between St. Vincent's, their parent company, Tenet Healthcare (Tenet), and the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA), which represents the professional nurses at the hospital.

Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) and President Biden signed the ARP into law on March 11, 2021. ARP funds a national vaccination strategy, gets survival checks to American families, expands food assistance, and helps communities safely reopen schools, among many other critical priorities to address the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic crisis it caused. Additionally, ARP supports workers by extending and supplementing unemployment benefits, keeping workers healthy and safe from COVID-19, and assisting with health insurance premiums. The ARP is intended to meet the magnitude of the challenges American families are facing due to the pandemic. The ARP is not intended to dither and delay in providing this critical assistance – especially when giving frontline workers the health insurance they deserve.

The professional nurses at St. Vincent's and their families are not only an integral part of this community but they have felt the pandemic's heaviest impact each and every day, working to save patients and protect themselves. They deserve swift action to ensure they are adequately provided for as the law intended. We respectfully urge Tenet to move expeditiously to provide the professional nurses the COBRA benefits they are entitled to under the ARP. We thank you for your immediate attention to his matter.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren  
United States Senator



Edward J. Markey  
United States Senator



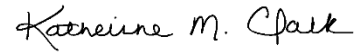
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