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Members and Leaders of the SEIU Local 73,

Amidst the challenges of 2020, including the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become clear that healthcare workers must stand together. At CCH alone, over 1500 nurses, respiratory therapists, laboratory workers, physician assistants, medical assistants, housekeepers, food services staff, patient transporters, care coordinators and ward clerks who are integral members to the healthcare team have made, and continue to make, heroic sacrifices for the good of public health, in service to our patients and community in Chicago.

We stand with you in your quest for a fair contract, especially in light of these sacrifices you have made. We understand that despite increased allocations of funds from state and federal governments, healthcare workers are frequently not being justly compensated and protected with adequate PPE, hazard pay, or modest raises.

Therefore, the HSA Council representatives would like to offer our own support and solidarity to the SEIU Local 73 in response to the strike conducted this week. Please respond to this letter with how we may assist with your negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement.

Regards,

2020 Council Representatives of the House Staff Association of Cook County