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Dr. Dennis P. McKenna, MD
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Dear Dr. McKenna:

We are writing as members of the Albany Common Council to express our concern and ask you to avert a strike at Albany Medical Center by settling a contract with your nurses, represented by the New York State Nurses Association.

In a time when we are dealing with a serious pandemic, it is essential for patients, and our community, that Albany Medical Center does not allow their nurses to go on strike. While the public has rightly applauded our health care workers for their dedication, we believe the nurses rightly deserve a contract that improves the critical working conditions they are faced with during this pandemic. With the resurgence of Covid-19, it is especially important that nurses are provided with the proper staffing and proper protective equipment, to complete their job safely. We remain in support of workers having the right to a fair and just negotiated contract. We are asking you, that within the next 10 days that a contract settlement be reached to avoid a strike in the city of Albany.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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