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Dr. Donley and Mr. Mejia,

As leaders of community, faith, labor, and advocacy organizations representing the communities served by NYP Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, we write in support of the members of New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) in their fight for a fair contract

The members and communities we serve rely on Brooklyn Methodist Hospital for lifesaving care. But that care is only possible when nurses have the staffing, resources, and protections they need to do their jobs safely. The recent and recurring incidences of workplace violence, leave us deeply concerned for the safety of both patients and healthcare workers, and we join NYNSA members in their call for a contract that takes real steps to address workplace violence and ensures safe staffing.

No nurse, healthcare worker, patient, or family member should have to fear for their safety inside a hospital. When nurses are stretched too thin and protections are insufficient, it creates conditions that jeopardize everyone in the facility. Safe staffing is not just a workplace issue—it is a patient safety and community issue. When there are not enough nurses to safely care for patients, it leads to longer wait times, reduced quality of care, and worse health outcomes for patients. When workplace violence is not adequately addressed, it drives experienced nurses out of the profession and destabilizes care for entire communities.

We urge hospital leadership to take these concerns seriously and to bargain in good faith with NYSNA to reach a contract that prioritizes worker safety, patient safety, and the health of our communities. The communities we represent that rely on NYP Brooklyn Methodist Hospital deserve a hospital that invests in safe staffing, protects its workers, and delivers the highest quality of care. We call on you to act with urgency to address these issues and work collaboratively toward a fair agreement.

Sincerely,

ALIGN (Alliance for Greater New York)
Brooklyn Interfaith (Co-Founders Minister Raquel Irizarry & Paul DeCoster)
Campaign for NY Health
CIR-SEIU (Committee of Interns and Residents)
CUFFH (Churches United for Fair Housing)
Doctors Council SEIU
La Colmena
Met Council on Housing
Metro Health Care NY for All

NY Communities for Change
NYC Central Labor Council
NYCOSH
(NY Committee for Occupational Health & Safety)
Popular Democracy
PNHP-NY Metro
(Physicians for a National Health Program)
The Black Institute