

An Important message from Josh Shapiro to the Union Members of SEIU Healthcare PA

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Dear SEIU Healthcare PA union members:

It's getting pretty busy over here, but I wanted to send you all a quick note before election day.

In my time traveling the state recently, I've had the opportunity to meet many of you. I met Shelly, a nursing home worker on strike, at the Pittsburgh Labor Day parade. I met Dana, a psychiatric nurse fighting to improve patient safety in Scranton. In Harrisburg, I met Julie, a home health worker uniting participants and caregivers to transform our long-term care system.

What I heard was devastating. Nursing home workers taking care of 30 residents at a time. Home care workers who don't have health insurance. Entire hospital units staffed by agency and travelers. We can and we must do better.

But those conversations also left me feeling inspired. Because it's clear that even in the face of tremendous challenges, you all—Pennsylvania's union health care workers—are 100% committed to the people and communities you serve.

That motivates me to want to go to Harrisburg as Governor and fight like hell for safe staffing and fair funding and the right to a strong union contract. You have been carrying our state on your back since before COVID. Now it's time our state and its elected leaders have your back.

I'm not saying it'll be easy. There are plenty of politicians in Harrisburg, including my opponent Doug Mastriano, who want to take away your right to a union contract, who oppose adequately funding health care services, and who have fought to prevent safe staffing from becoming a reality in our hospitals and nursing homes.

I'm no stranger to a fight. As Attorney General, I prosecuted nursing home executives for falsifying staffing records and I took on construction magnate Glenn O. Hawbaker for stealing from employees' wages and retirement, forcing the company to pay back over \$20 million to the workers.

As we face a critical election to determine the leadership of our state and country, I want you to know that I plan to bring that fighting spirit to my work as Governor. Together, we can win better wages and benefits for all caregivers, improved standards of care, and greater accountability. But we need to win this election first.

That's why I need your vote on November 8th, and I need you to encourage everyone you know to vote with us.

I deeply appreciate everything you do, and I look forward to working with you to advocate for all Pennsylvania's health care workers and for all the people you serve.

Sincerely,



Josh Shapiro



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