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Rod Schumacher, CEO, Deaconess Hospital
800 West Fifth Avenue
Spokane, WA 99204

Tim Moran, CEO, Valley Hospital
12606 E Mission Ave
Spokane Valley, WA 99216

RE: Improving Patient Care at Deaconess and Valley Hospitals

Dear Mr. Schumacher and Mr. Moran,

We, as elected leaders, are writing to share our concern regarding staffing levels at Deaconess and Valley Hospitals.

These hospitals have been a vital part of the community in Spokane for decades and your decisions impact the lives of residents throughout the region. After hearing from healthcare workers who are on the front line every day, we are concerned about staffing levels at Deaconess and Valley and the impact on the quality of care provided at both hospitals.

The patients at your hospitals are our parents, grandparents, husbands, wives, and children. As elected officials, we are concerned about ensuring the high quality health system we are all so proud of here in Spokane.

We are aware that negotiations with SEIU 1199NW have not yielded a new contract and a strike has been called for Dec. 4th. We call on you to begin working immediately to settle a fair agreement that addresses staffing and patient care at Deaconess and Valley and avert this potential strike.

We would be happy to speak with you about our concerns. Please contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

Ben Stuckart
Spokane City Council President

Amber Waldref
Spokane City Council, District 1

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Spokane City Council, District 2