

November 7, 2021

Sarah Krevans
Chief Executive Officer
Sutter Health
C/O Sutter Delta Medical Center
3901 Lone Tree Way
Antioch, CA 94509

Dear Ms. Krevans:

We write today because we are troubled by the possibility of another strike at Sutter Delta Medical Center. We are told that the underlying concerns of SEIU-UHW have not been resolved, and a strike and protracted negotiations put patients, workers, and the community at risk, particularly during this public health pandemic.

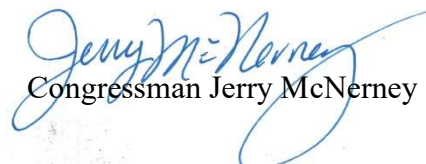
We understand that finding trained and qualified health care workers is a challenge right now, not just for Sutter Delta, but across the country. We are told, however, that the understaffing issue at Sutter Delta is more acute than at other time. Sutter Health hospitals. It is our understanding that this hospital has not seen a significant drop in patients over the last few years, but dozens of workers have resigned their positions during this time and have not been replaced, which has greatly increased the workload on those who remain.

For the health and safety of the people of Antioch and surrounding communities, this issue must be resolved. We are told that your team canceled the bargaining session which had been scheduled with Federal mediation for this Friday, November 5th, and that your negotiators have not submitted any written proposals or counterproposals since the last strike ended. We urge both sides to come together – both your team and the SEIU-UHW bargaining team – and work to reach an agreement in writing on safe staffing at Sutter Delta. We understand that SEIU-UHW is willing to meet and bargain, even over this weekend, to avoid another strike.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Congressman Mark DeSaulnier


Congressman Jerry McNerney