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To All Healthcare Related Employers,

With each passing day we are seeing greater restrictions put on businesses throughout the tri-state area; additionally the one thing that everyone agrees on is that certain industries have been designated as “Essential Businesses” and more than any – its anything healthcare related services Nursing Homes; Assisted Living; Hoe Health Aides; etc. that have been consistently reported and recognized as being on the frontlines of this pandemic crisis.

UFCW Local 2013 members (as well as many more) in this industry are being put in harm’s way every day; exposed to situations that put them at risk but, the workers (all of whom should be designated as first responders) in these industries have proven time-and-time-again that they are the ones who do GOD’s work and care for people at the time when it is needed the most. They don’t run from their responsibilities as essential Care-givers... they show up every day to take on the essential duties of caring for people who have tremendously varied needs. To that end we are demanding that ALL employers ensure that all necessary PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) such as the proper medical supplies of mask; gloves; gowns; goggles (where required); etc are fully stocked and distributed to our members and care givers.

Additionally, as I’m sure most of you are aware, other industries that have been designated as “Essential Businesses” are recognizing the extreme burdens being faced by these workers during this crisis period and they are temporarily issuing added premiums by way of providing hourly wage increases as well as bonus pay during the time we faced with this pandemic. We call on each of you as employers of these First Responders to do the same – you need to take care of those who are doing more to keep your businesses successful and especially in this instance – stepping up in a crisis situation.

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