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Mr. David Helfgott
Chief Financial Officer,
Americare, Inc.
592 Strickland Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11234-6425

Dear Sir:

I am writing regarding the contract negotiations Americare, Inc. is currently engaged in with UFCW Local 2013, and to urge the fair treatment of the home care workers employed by your company.

UFCW Local 2013 is a leading voice for working New Yorkers and the home care workers Americare employs, and the union plays an important role in supporting those providing essential services to many New York families. The fair treatment of employees is a hallmark of economically successful service providers throughout New York and is an important value to uphold as our economy is recovering from the economic impact suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your assistance in ensuring that the current contract negotiations proceed smoothly and achieve a fair contract settlement that offers an appropriate level of compensation to the essential workers Americare employs would have a positive impact upon the morale of your employees and support the quality of care that New York's families so richly deserve.

As you may know, the rising cost of living has left the members of UFCW Local 2013 struggling to make ends meet and it has become increasingly important for Americare to actively engage in the collective bargaining process in a fair and open manner. From my understanding, the company has not yet done so and the contract negotiations have made little if any progress on key issues impacting the ability of Americare to retain the quality employees who are vital to serving vulnerable and medically fragile patients.

As Chair of the New York State Assembly's Labor Committee, I urge you to make every effort to reach a fair contract with UFCW Local 2013 and begin negotiations in earnest on key issues on an expedited basis.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hon. Latoya Joyner
Member of the Assembly
77th District, Bronx County