



New York State Assembly
Assembly Member Karines Reyes, R.N.



New York State Senate
Senator Jessica Ramos

November 2, 2022

Elly Kleinman
2255 Coleman Street
Brooklyn, NY 11234

Dear Mr. Kleinman:

We are contacting you regarding the ongoing contract negotiations between your company, Americare and UFCW Local 2013, the union representing Americare's home health care workers.

We would like to remind you that one of the largest parts of our annual New York State Budget is healthcare. The public policy responsible for funding your company should be used to compensate the Americare Home Health Aides (HHAs) who deliver top-notch care.

We, the elected NYS officials listed below, urge you to act responsibly and to promptly engage in "good faith" bargaining to assure continuity in the quality care that your patients receive from your employees, hard-working UFCW Local 2013 union members. The collective bargaining process between the parties is designed to achieve fair wages and benefits which will allow these dedicated employees to have a respectful standard of living and the dignity of living above poverty level.

The healthcare industry (including and particularly the Home Healthcare Industry) is supposed to be about compassion; every day these HHAs travel throughout NYC and the surrounding areas to care for our elderly and most vulnerable populations often facing tremendous hurdles and with a sense of obligation that goes above and beyond the call of duty. Throughout the COVID19 Pandemic, they were on the frontlines caring for patients and putting themselves in harm's way while most of us were safe in our own homes.

Show us that Americare has compassion for their employees by doing the right thing; bargain in good faith and demonstrate to us and your hard-working, passionate frontline workers that you value them.

Thank you.

cc: Mr. David Helfgott, Chief Financial Officer
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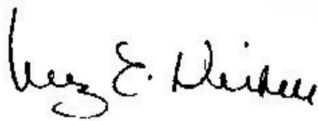
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