



Ned Lamont
GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Mr. Rob Baril
President, SEIU Healthcare 1199NE
77 Huyshope Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear President Baril:

I write to you today to thank you for your leadership of SEIU Healthcare 1199NE. That leadership has enabled us to work together to support the SEIU labor union and their employees in making progress to resolve the issues resulting in the union's proposed May 1, 2019, strike deadline. While progress has been made, there's more work to be done. I am asking for those discussions to continue and to do so through an extension of your strike deadline.

The nursing home workers you represent provide valuable and respected care and assistance to the individuals, families and communities they serve. My administration understands and respects what those workers are fighting for, and is committed to working collaboratively with you, their employers and the legislature to reach an agreement on a multi-year contract and fairly navigate to a future in which more long-term services and supports are delivered by unionized professionals in home and community care settings. It is no secret that my administration also takes seriously its responsibility to balance Connecticut's finances, mitigate a \$3.7 billion shortfall, while addressing the concerns you raise. The next several weeks will provide us a vital opportunity to continue our already productive conversations and we look forward to doing so.

My administration remains committed to facilitating the best and fairest outcome while reducing, to the extent possible, any potential disruption for the vulnerable residents and patients who rely on these homes for their care. It is my sincere hope that this additional time will allow us to reach a fair and necessary agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ned Lamont".

Ned Lamont
Governor