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### **Media Statement Regarding Mercy Hospital Strike Authorization Vote**

As we have stated, Catholic Health is surprised the union called a vote to authorize a strike for Mercy Hospital, as neither side has presented a final offer. From the very beginning, we have approached bargaining with respect for our caregivers and the CWA.

We want to clarify that a strike vote does not necessarily mean a strike will occur. Regardless of the outcome, Mercy Hospital's bargaining team remains committed to reaching a fair and equitable agreement.

We share many of the same goals as the Union: competitive wages and benefits, safe staffing levels, and policies that help our associates deliver the highest quality care. We want to work collaboratively with the Union, not in opposition.

It would be deeply concerning if the Union were to call a strike at Mercy Hospital while negotiations are actively underway. We strongly believe that continued dialogue will allow us to reach a balanced agreement that meets the needs of our associates, the organization, and the community, without the disruption of a strike. Should the Union choose to proceed with a strike at Mercy Hospital, however, we are working diligently to do our best to minimize the risks and disruption to the community.

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