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Deborah Burger, R.N., President
California Nurses Association
2000 Franklin Blvd
Oakland, CA

Dear Ms. Burger:

I wanted to let you know of my support of the California Nurses Association and the National Nurses Organizing Committee as we await the outcome of the National Labor Relation Board's Kentucky River decision.

I understand that employer groups such as the Chamber of Commerce and the American Hospital Association have filed briefs with the Board urging them to adopt a broad interpretation allowing employers to reclassify many employees as supervisors. This would in effect shrink or wipe out many existing bargaining units and strip federal protection for the freedom to organize from hundreds of thousands of nonunion workers. I believe that this would be a disaster for American workers.

A strong union with a strong voice for working people benefits all working people. I am support you in this important cause. The right to union representation is a fundamental democratic right for all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Lantos".

TOM LANTOS
Member of Congress