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To: International Executive Board

Re: Setting the Record Straight

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is our understanding that Anna Burger has issued to you a recommendation from the Executive Committee regarding future jurisdiction for California long term care workers and has asked you to make a decision on that recommendation.

It is also our understanding that the recommendation is being presented as having UHW's support, with Anna Burger representing UHW's position regarding jurisdiction to be that all long term care workers should be united with acute care workers in a single statewide health care union. This is a misrepresentation. Our position, clearly stated at the hearing as well as in our post-hearing written submission to the hearing officer, is that there should be one statewide health care union of long term and acute care workers and that that health care union should be UHW, and further, health care workers in other locals should be given the opportunity to vote separately on whether they want to join UHW.

Finally, it is our understanding that the basis for the Executive Committee's recommendation is the hearing officer's report. We have requested a copy of that report, but to date we have not received one. This is particularly troubling given the fact that Anna Burger has now misrepresented our position on a critical decision that you have been asked to make, a decision that could potentially affect tens of thousands of health care workers.

In Solidarity,

UHW Executive Board

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