



Health Care Workers Alert

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Dear SEIU-UHW Member:

We are some of the more than 500 registered nurses from a Catholic Healthcare Partners (CHP) hospital in Lorain, Ohio, who formed a union with SEIU nearly ten years ago. For the past three years, we have been working with other CHP hospital workers throughout our state to help them organize with SEIU too.

But this month, just when the non-union workers were about to vote to join SEIU, a group called the California Nurses Association (CNA) showed up at the hospital telling everyone how bad SEIU is.

What shocked us was that CNA's materials referred people to a website co-sponsored by leaders of the UHW that has anti-SEIU propaganda.

Imagine how confusing it was for SEIU members like us, and the non-union workers who were on the verge of winning a voice on the job, to get all this anti-SEIU information from leaders of SEIU-UHW and CNA.

The result was that the union vote had to be called off and more than 8,000 Ohio healthcare workers have been denied a voice at work and a chance to improve their lives because of these tactics.

We also have learned that this March, UHW President Sal Rosselli was in San Diego with CNA President Rose Ann DeMoro at an Executive Council meeting of the AFL-CIO – a federation SEIU is not even part of. Just a few days after those meetings with Rosselli, DeMoro sent the CNA organizers to Ohio.

We don't know what your local union leaders have against SEIU, but we are outraged by their actions - and we hope you are too.

Ohio healthcare workers desperately need a union.

We need your help – please call your local union leaders at (877) 849-0703 or (510) 251-1250.

Ask them why they are fighting Ohio healthcare workers instead of supporting their only real chance they have ever had to get a union.

Please tell UHW leaders to publicly condemn the tactics of the CNA and support the efforts of healthcare workers in Ohio and nationwide to join SEIU, so all of us have a voice.

You can get the facts about what happened in Ohio at SEIUFactChecker.org or email info@seiuftchecker.org for more information.

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