



# Snohomish County Council Everett City Council

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Dear Kristy,

Nurses in our community have been sounding the alarm on inadequate staffing levels at Providence Regional Medical Center Everett for years. We, the undersigned, on the Everett City Council and Snohomish County Council have heard their voices and have amplified their calls to action for safer conditions in our region’s most important hospital. Now nurses are poised to strike to win the improvements for which they have desperately called. We support the nurses one hundred percent in their efforts.

This hospital has been a pillar of our community for over one hundred years, since the Sisters of Providence purchased the old Monte Cristo hotel in 1905 and turned it into the first Providence Hospital, with eleven Sisters and three employees providing care. At a time when the region was in its infancy, and the city of Everett incorporated for barely a decade, our Providence Hospital was treating hundreds of residents annually.

The hospital today would be unrecognizable to the stalwart Sisters of Providence. Yet its role in our community remains the same. Providence Regional Medical Center Everett—or PRMCE—is the medical backbone of our city and county. Its 630 bed capacity and Level II trauma center capabilities mean most Snohomish County residents will pass through its doors at some point, as one receiving treatment or as a loved one of a patient.

Likewise, Providence Health and Services, the corporation that owns and operates PRMCE, would be alien to the pioneering Sisters of Providence. While we value the service to our community that Providence continues to provide, we cannot understand the discrepancy between its stated values and its actions.


There isn’t one of us who has not shed tears in the hospital, in times of joy and times of sorrow. We feel acutely the pain of nurses who cannot adequately care for their patients because they are understaffed and unsupported. We feel our community’s loss of confidence and loss of pride in a medical center that no longer faithfully serves our city’s and region’s needs, as the Sisters once did so selflessly.

We, the undersigned, call on Providence to listen to its nurses and invest once more in our city's hospital so all those who this council serves, caregiver and citizen alike, can be confident that Providence Hospital will serve our community faithfully once more.

Sincerely,





  
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Council Chair

  
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