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Mary Turner
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Dear Sister Turner,

The Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions (CFNU) represents nearly 200,000 unionized nurses in Canada. We have been following the struggle of your 5,000 Minnesota nurses on strike this week to secure safer care for patients at five Allina Health hospitals in metropolitan Minneapolis-St. Paul.

We understand the concerns faced by nurses across the U.S., including safe patient care staffing, inadequate planning by the hospitals to ensure a safe environment to reduce workplace violence, and hospital demands for cuts in health coverage for nurses and their families.

As proud members of the Global Nurses Union, we commend MNA/NNU for taking a strong stand to protect the patients and health care workers in Minnesota. Please send your membership a message of solidarity on behalf of Canada's nurses.

In solidarity always,

Linda Silas President



cc: RoseAnn DeMoro, Executive Director, NNU