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To: Presidents, Recording Secretaries and Chairpersons of Local Unions in UAW Region 2-B

Greetings:

I write to you today with a request for support of Sisters and Brothers of Local 2213 in Toledo, Ohio.

On May 6, 2019, the members of UAW Local 2213 were forced to go on strike against Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center to resist the employer's unfair labor practices, quality of life issues for health care workers including mandatory on call, and patient ratio provisions.

This strike has become a struggle and the strikers are feeling the economic effects of the strike. I am, therefore, requesting your help in lending financial aid to our sisters and brothers of Local 2213. Please make an effort to solicit your members for donations of either money or non-perishable food for this worthwhile cause.

In many cases, Mercy mandates nurses to come back to work after their 12-hour shift ends and requires them to work 16 and in some cases 20 hours in a day. In addition, Mercy has eroded the nurse's unit from around 1200 nurses down to 950 nurses, but the patient numbers have increased in that same time period.

Pursuant to UAW Administrative Letter Number 4, Volume Number 36, dated March 19, 1986, all financial contributions must be receipted according to standard account rules and procedures and **forwarded to the Region 2-B office**. I will then forward all contributions to UAW International Secretary-Treasurer Ray Curry for deposit in a special account. Please make the checks payable to: **"International Union, UAW"** and note in the memo section of your check that it is for the **Local 2213 Supplemental Strike Fund**.

Your usual cooperation and participation with this request will be greatly appreciated.

In solidarity,

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L 2213 Strike request for donations

cc: Wayne Blanchard
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