

Stony Brook PEF Members:

Thank you for the amazing and selfless work you are doing everyday on the frontline of the fight against the coronavirus.

We want you to know you are not alone! Your union, your community and your elected officials appreciate and support you.

The following statement from your Long Island State Senators, Assemblymembers and Committee Chairs reiterates what we all feel:

You are PEF Heroes!

Statement from Long Island Elected Officials in Support of PEF Healthcare Workers at Stony Brook Hospital

Today we are speaking out with one voice in support of the healthcare workers on the frontline fighting the coronavirus in New York State, specifically right here on Long Island.

These healthcare providers have been called on to provide critical and immediate care both to patients in need of coronavirus testing and to patients who have already tested positive for the virus.

We know our hospitals are understaffed and lacking proper equipment. Because of the lack of protective equipment, these dedicated public service professionals have put themselves and their families in harm's way.

Recently, we learned that a nurse at Stony Brook Hospital, represented by the Public Employees Federation, who felt the moral imperative to speak up about the lack of protective equipment and other unsafe working conditions at the hospital is now being targeted by the hospital's management for disciplinary action.

We believe that any such action against this healthcare worker or any other for speaking the truth about conditions, during this unprecedented health crisis, is outrageous.

In fact, we will do all that we can to ensure just the opposite occurs; that our healthcare workers get the support they need, get the equipment they need, and that their voices from the frontline are heard and taken seriously.

To our dedicated nurses, doctors, EMS staff, respiratory specialists and so many more, we say thank you from all of us, and our constituents, for your continued public service.

It is because of you that we will get through this crisis and we pledge to do all we can to support your efforts.

Senator John Brooks
Senator James Gaughran
Senator Monica Martinez
Senator Todd Kaminsky
Senator Anna Kaplan
Senator Kevin Thomas
Senator Gustavo Rivera, Chair of Healthcare Committee
Senator Jessica Ramos, Chair of Labor Committee
Senator Andrew Gounardes, Chair of Civil Service Committee

Assemblymember Phil Ramos, Deputy Majority Leader
Assemblymember Kimberly Jean-Pierre
Assemblymember Steven Stern
Assemblymember Marcos Crespo, Chair of Assembly Labor Committee
Assemblymember Fred Thiele
Assemblymember Andrew Garbarino
Assemblymember Joseph DeStefano
Assemblymember Michael LiPetri