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The Honorable Lowell Weicker
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health,
Human Services, Education
and Related Agencies
Senate Appropriations Committee
Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Rm. 199
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Weicker,


Ms. Hella Frank, R.N., the nurse in charge of the Public Health Unit here at the Federal Communications Commission, advised me that the Public Health Service is trying to privatize the Federal Employee Occupational Health Program. As a result, the quality of health care provided to federal employees and the nurses' jobs are in jeopardy.

I am told that several Committee members are supporting Report language, a copy of which is enclosed, which would direct the Department to preserve the Public Health Units which provide health care to federal employees throughout the country and to protect the job security of the full time nurses who staff these units. A copy of Ms. Frank's testimony is also enclosed.

As one who utilizes the medical services of the Public Health Unit here at the Commission, I strongly urge you to support the proposed Report language. I think these nurses are providing essential health care to federal employees which helps to keep them on the job. They do so for considerably less money than it would cost the government to contract for these services.

Thank you for any help that you can give to the nurses.

Sincerely,


James H. Quello

Enclosures

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