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**MEMO TO:** Senator Charles E. Schumer, Majority Leader

Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand Congressman Brian Higgins Congressman Chris Jacobs

**FROM:** Philip Rumore, President, Buffalo Teachers Federation

It has come to our attention that while healthcare workers in Buffalo, who often risk their lives to save others', are fighting for increased staffing for patients and fair wages and benefits, executives at Catholic Health are and have been receiving millions of dollars in wages and benefits.

This, at a <u>non</u>-profit organization?! Apparently, it's non-profit, except for some Catholic Health executives whose incompetence has resulted in health and staff conditions so dangerous that their healthcare workers had to go on strike to correct them.

For example: David Macholz, CFO Predecessors 2019 Salary - - - - - \$1,071,884

Mark Sullivan, President and CEO Salary ----- \$1,418,629 William B. Pryor, Chief Administrative Officer ----- \$ 607,977 Joyce Markiewicz, Chief Business Development Salary - \$ 679,703

We have been informed that in 2019 Catholic Health paid its 11 top non-physician Administrative Officers (including the 4 above): \$7,840,917. This averages out to \$712,810 for each Administrator, which is 12.7 times more than the median income in Buffalo-Cheektowaga-Niagara Falls (\$56,195).

Note: This is only salary and does not include benefits.

We formally request that an investigation, audit and any similar actions be taken to determine if, what some might call, profiting at the expense of others well-being is occurring at Catholic Health and what actions will be taken to correct and prevent said apparent actions.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important healthcare matter.