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Comments on Potential UConn Health Acquisition of Bankrupt and Struggling Hospitals

AFT Connecticut Vice President John Brady, RN made the following public remarks on reports of state officials' ongoing negotiations to purchase Waterbury, Bristol and Day-Kimball Hospitals:

"Throughout Prospect Medical Holdings (PMH)'s tumultuous bankruptcy, AFT Connecticut leaders and our labor allies have engaged in regular communications with the governor's office and state lawmakers. We have encouraged an active role in resolving the matter because so many Connecticut residents depend on PMH's facilities for their care. It's critically important to prevent the takeover of Manchester Memorial (MMH), Rockville General (RGH) or Waterbury Hospitals by another private equity group.

"At the same time, we have raised concerns over the uncertain future of several independent acute care facilities - like Bristol and Day Kimball Hospitals - that have struggled to maintain financial viability. Allowing them to fail would only invite takeover by private equity and replicate the crisis facing MMH, RGH and Waterbury Hospital's patients, caregivers and communities.

"Reports that UConn Health (UCH) may be stepping in to provide a solution are welcome news. The medical academic center has experienced the highest increase in percentage of gross revenue out of any health system in the state since 2020. Growing UCH by affiliating with bankrupt or struggling independent facilities would further strengthen that success.

"That has been the message that the members of our affiliated unions have been delivering for years. Governor Lamont and legislative leaders deserve credit for listening and responding to the call to put patients before profits here in Connecticut."

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