

Lois Lamon: Negotiate reasonable contract

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I have always appreciated the wonderful people who work in our health-care system, but that appreciation has grown in recent months as both my husband and I have had to use the system extensively.

I appreciate the work done by the doctors, nurses and the support staff, whether they are clericals, maintenance or food services workers, licensed practical nurses, therapeutic and diagnostic technicians, or other employees.

It's the support staff that makes it possible for doctors and nurses to dedicate themselves to our care.

I find the recent breakdown of contract negotiations absolutely insulting and despicable on the part of the government, and urge it to bring to the table people who can actually negotiate a reasonable settlement.

Not only is SAHO's wage offer insulting, but the concessions it seeks will erode the rights these workers have earned over many years. To top it off, the introduction of the essential services law basically denies the unions the right to go on strike, because of the number of employees designated essential.

Will Premier Brad Wall come to repair or clean the dialysis unit that my husband uses, or to make sure that I can safely enter the hospital in the middle of the night for my antibiotics? I think not.

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