

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

May 10, 2022

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Dear Ms. McGovern and Mr. Richard:

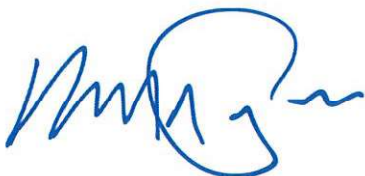
As Members of Congress who represent millions of constituents across the country, we urge the American Red Cross to quickly negotiate a fair contract with the Coalition of American Red Cross unions, which represents 4,000 American Red Cross workers on the frontlines of our nation's blood supply. Such a contract must acknowledge the critical role the American Red Cross and its union workforce play in responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

From California to Maine, these front-line workers collect, process, and deliver lifesaving blood products to hospitals and the Armed Services. They are everyday heroes and are central to the mission of the American Red Cross as a federal instrumentality chartered by Congress and to carry out mandated responsibilities under the National Response Framework coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as well as vital responsibilities to the public.

The outcome of your negotiations will reverberate throughout the healthcare industry and our nation's efforts to prepare for and respond to federal emergencies. We believe that a fair contract is essential to ensure the ongoing supply of excellent, life-saving products Red Cross workers deliver across the nation every day. It is our opinion that a fair contract must provide affordable healthcare benefits and address the significant health and safety risks Red Cross workers face every day as well as the workforce shortage and high turnover of staff at Red Cross sites across the nation.

We hope that all parties will work in good faith to swiftly reach an agreement that bolsters our economy, supports the nation's blood supply, and protects the health and safety of American Red Cross workers.

Sincerely,



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Mark Pocan  
Member of Congress



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Eleanor Holmes Norton  
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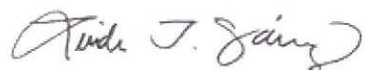
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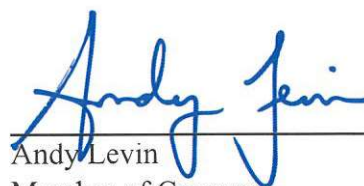
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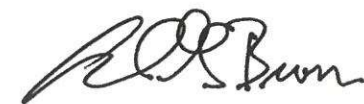
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