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Dear Legislator:

On behalf of the 340,000 healthcare workers of 1199SEIU, we write to express our strong support for prompt legislative action on the appointment of an interim U.S. Senator.

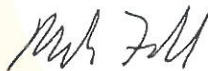
1199SEIU is convinced that there is a pressing need to fill a Senate vacancy this fall as the U.S. Senate continues to debate many issues of importance to the people of Massachusetts. We must have two voices and two votes in the upcoming Congressional debates on sustaining the economic recovery and creating new jobs, providing new consumer financial protections and protecting our environment.

As a union of healthcare workers, we are particularly committed to ensuring the passage of national health care reform. Senator Kennedy's legacy is rooted in a lifetime of service to our state and in the effort to provide health care as a right for all and not a privilege for the few. It is essential that the Commonwealth have two voices in the U.S. Senate throughout this important debate.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to act as quickly as possible to restore two Massachusetts voices and votes in the United States Senate.

We thank you for your leadership and diligence on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Mike Fadel
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Cc: Governor Deval Patrick