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Rep. Jimmy Anderson in Support of Unionization of UW Hospitals and Clinics Nurses

FITCHBURG – After the rights of unionization and collective bargaining were taken from Wisconsin workers with the passage of Act 10, the workforce of the UW Hospitals and Clinics became one of many across the state to experience worsening workplace conditions. In response to the announcement that more than 1,300 UWHC registered nurses support a move towards unionization, Rep. Jimmy Anderson released the following statement:

“I wholeheartedly support the efforts of the UW Hospitals and Clinics workforce to organize a union and negotiate for improved workplace conditions. Both patient and employee safety are at risk when workers do not have the tools to address and resolve concerns about workplace conditions with their employers.

“Without the voices of employees at the table, employers lack perspective on how their management and financial decisions affect workplace safety and organizational culture. The right of workers to organize and represent their concerns collectively is essential to protecting the safety and dignity of workers across Wisconsin. The unionization of the UW Hospitals and Clinics workforce will go even farther to protect the safety and dignity of their patients as well.

“I hope the UW Hospitals and Clinics Authority Board will recognize the right of their employees to organize and unionize in the interest of workplace safety, high-quality patient care, and collaborative leadership.”